2014 USC Holiday Bowl Guide

#15 Nelson Agholor
Jr. WR
97 catches, 11 TDs,
4 career PR TDs

#6 Cody Kessler
Jr. QB
70.7% passing, 3,505 yards,
36 TDs, 4 interceptions

#94 Leonard Williams
Jr. DE
2-time All-American

#21 Su'a Cravens
So. S-OLB
2014 All-Pac-12 first team

#10 Hayes Pullard
Sr. ILB
3-time USC
season tackles leader

#37 Javorius "Buck" Allen
Jr. TB
No. 1 Pac-12 all-purpose yards

USC: AMERICA'S BOWL TEAM

USC has a remarkable record in bowl games. The Trojans have the nation's fourth highest bowl winning percentage (.667) among the 83 schools that have made at least 10 bowl appearances (behind Marshall's .800, Utah's .765 and Miami of Ohio's .700). USC's 32 bowl victories are second behind Alabama's 34 for most in the nation (not including 1 win for both teams vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 33 for USC, 35 for Alabama). Troy's 48 bowl appearances are sixth most, behind Alabama (61), Texas (52), Nebraska (50), Tennessee (49) and Georgia (49) (not including 2 USC appearances and 1 Alabama appearance vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 50 for USC, 62 for Alabama). USC once won 9 consecutive bowl games (the 1923-30-32-33-39-40-44-45 Rose Bowls and 1924 Christmas Festival); only Florida State has won more in a row (11).

USC's overall post-season record is 32-16 (not including 1 win and 1 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 33-17). The Trojans were a bowl participant each year they were eligible from 1972 to 1990 (USC was banned from bowl participation in 1980-82-83).

Troy has appeared in an unprecedented 32 Rose Bowls, where it has a 24-8 mark (.742) (not including 1 win and 1 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 33 Rose Bowls, 24-9, .718). That's not only the most Rose Bowl wins of any team, but also the most wins by a school in a single bowl. USC has won 11 of its last 13 Rose Bowls (not including 1 appearance and 1 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 11 of its last 14). USC is the only team to have won 3 consecutive Rose Bowls (2007-08-09). USC twice played in 4 consecutive Rose Bowl games (1967 to 1970 and 2006 to 2009); Ohio State (1973-76) is the only other team to have done so.

USC has also appeared in 12 other bowls—the Christmas Festival, Liberty Bowl, Bluebonnet Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Aloha Bowl, Florida Citrus Bowl, Sun (John Hancock) Bowl (3 times), Freedom Bowl (twice), Cotton Bowl, Las Vegas Bowl (twice), Orange Bowl (twice) and Emerald Bowl.

USC has made 5 BCS bowl appearances (2003 Orange Bowl vs. Iowa, 2004 Rose Bowl vs. Michigan, 2007 Rose Bowl vs. Michigan, 2008 Rose Bowl vs. Illinois, 2009 Rose Bowl vs. Penn State) (not including 2 appearances—2005 Orange Bowl vs. Oklahoma, 2006 Rose Bowl vs. Texas—vacated by NCAA penalty; original record: an unprecedented 7 consecutive BCS bowl appearances). USC's 5 overall BCS bowl trips are tied for seventh most, behind Ohio State's 9, Oklahoma's 9, Florida State's 8, Florida's 7, Viginia Tech's 6 and Alabama's 6 (not including 2 appearances vacated by NCAA penalty; original record: 7 appearances, tied for fourth most; also, 1 Ohio State appearance vacated by NCAA penalty). USC's 5 BCS bowl wins are tied with Ohio State for the most of any school (not including 1 win vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record; 6 victories, tied with Ohio State for most; also, 1 Ohio State win vacated by NCAA penalty).

USC'S ROSE BOWL RECORD

1923—USC 14, Penn State 3
1930—USC 47, Pittsburgh 14
1932—USC 21, Tulane 12
1933—USC 35, Pittsburgh 0
1939—USC 7, Duke 3
1940—USC 14, Tennessee 0
1944—USC 29, Washington 0
1945—USC 25, Tennessee 0
1946—Alabama 34, USC 14
1948—Michigan 49, USC 0
1953—USC 7, Wisconsin 0
1955—Ohio State 20, USC 7
1963—USC 42, Wisconsin 37
1967—Purdue 14, USC 13
1968—USC 14, Indiana 3
1969—Ohio State 27, USC 16
1970—USC 10, Michigan 3
1973—USC 42, Ohio State 17
1974—Ohio State 42, USC 21
1975—USC 18, Ohio State 17
1977—USC 14, Michigan 6
1979—USC 17, Michigan 10
1980—USC 17, Ohio State 16
1985—USC 20, Ohio State 17
1988—Michigan State 20, USC 17
1989—Michigan 22, USC 14
1990—USC 17, Michigan 10
1996—USC 41, Northwestern 32
*2004—USC 28, Michigan 14
*2006—Texas 41, USC 38** (BCS Championship Game)
*2007—USC 32, Michigan 18
*2008—USC 49, Illinois 17
*2009—USC 38, Penn State 24

USC'S RECORD IN OTHER BOWLS

1924—USC 20, Missouri 7 (Christmas Festival)
1975—USC 20, Texas A&M 0 (Liberty Bowl)
1977—USC 47, Texas A&M 28 (Bluebonnet Bowl)
1982—Penn State 26, USC 10 (Fiesta Bowl)
1985—Alabama 24, USC 3 (Aloha Bowl)
1987—Auburn 16, USC 7 (Florida Citrus Bowl)
1990—Michigan State 17, USC 16 (John Hancock Bowl)
1992—Fresno State 24, USC 7 (Freedom Bowl)
1993—USC 28, Utah 21 (Freedom Bowl)
1995—USC 55, Texas Tech 14 (Cotton Bowl)
1998—TCU 28, USC 19 (Sun Bowl)
2001—Utah 10, USC 6 (Las Vegas Bowl)
*2003—USC 38, Iowa 17 (Orange Bowl)
*2005—USC 55**, Oklahoma 19 (Orange Bowl, BCS Championship Game)
2009—USC 24, Boston College 13 (Emerald Bowl)
2012—Georgia Tech 21, USC 7 (Sun Bowl)
2013—USC 45, Fresno State 20 (Las Vegas Bowl)
*BCS Bowl game
**2005 win and 2006 loss later vacated due to NCAA penalty

USC QUICK FACTS

Location--Los Angeles, Calif. 90089
University Telephone--(213) 740-2311
Founded--1880
Size--235 acres
Enrollment--39,000 (18,000 undergraduates)
President--C. L. Max Nikias
Colors--Cardinal and Gold
Nickname--Trojans
Band--Trojan Marching Band (270 members)
Fight Song--"Fight On"
Mascot--Traveler VII
Official Athletic Website--USCTrojans.com
First Football Team--1888
USC's All-Time Football Record--804*-327-54 (70.1%)
Stadium--Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum (93,607 capacity, grass)
Conference--Pacific-12
Athletic Director--Pat Haden
Head Football Coach--Steve Sarkisian (BYU, 1997)
Record at USC--8-4, First year
Overall College Coaching Record--42-33, Sixth year
Coach's Telephone--(213) 740-4204
Offensive Formation--Multiple
Defensive Formation--3-4 Multiple
**Not including 14 wins and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty (original record: 818-328-54, 70.4%)*

USC FOOTBALL HOLIDAY BOWL NOTES

RANKINGS
USC is ranked 24th in the AP poll, but not ranked in the USA Today Amway Coaches poll. Nebraska is 25th by AP and 22nd by USA Today.

SERIES
USC holds a 3-0-1 edge in its series with Nebraska, with all the meetings occurring in the regular season.

In 2007 in the last meeting between the teams, No. 1 USC used a powerful ground attack—behind TB Stafon Johnson's career-high 144 yards on just 11 carries—to dominate at No. 14 Nebraska, 49-31, and help head coach Pete Carroll celebrate his 56th birthday in high style. It was the most points Nebraska had surrendered at home since 1945. USC, which averaged just 128.0 rushing yards per game in 2006, ran for 313 yards in the game (its most since getting 403 versus UCLA in 2005 and the most allowed by Nebraska since 2003) and averaged 8.2 yards per carry (a Nebraska opponent record). The Trojans broke off 11 runs of at least 10 yards, including a 50-yarder by FB Stanley Havili on Troy's first play of the game and a 40-yarder by TB C.J. Gable on its second play. Johnson's total was the most by a Trojan since Reggie Bush ran for 260 in that 2005 UCLA game. He was named Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Week. USC—coming off a bye—scored on its opening possession as Havili caught a 5-yard scoring pass from QB John David Booty. But Nebraska forged a 10-7 lead after a 1-yard TD run by RB Cody Glenn late in the first quarter and a 37-yard field goal by Alex Henery on NU's next possession midway through the second quarter. However, USC then went on a 35-point scoring spree on its next 5 possessions. First, Havili followed Henery's field goal with a 2-yard scoring run and then Johnson had a 7-yard TD run late in the half. The Trojans intercepted QB Sam Keller on the Cornhuskers' first 2 drives of the second half (by CB Terrell Thomas and DE Kyle Moore) and converted both miscues into touchdowns: Booty's 2-yard pass to TE Anthony McCoy and a 1-yard run by TB Chauncey Washington. Washington then capped USC's next possession with another 1-yard scoring run. Nebraska took advantage of a Trojan fumble early in the fourth quarter as Glenn had another 1-yard TD run, but USC responded on the ensuing series with TB Allen Bradford's 6-yard touchdown run. The Cornhuskers made the scorer closed when they recorded a pair of late Keller scoring passes to WR Todd Peterson (20 and 18 yards) against USC's reserves. Gable rushed for 69 yards on only 4 carries, Havili added 52 yards on 2 attempts and caught 3 passes for 22 yards and Washington had 43 yards on 12 carries. Booty was 19-of-30 for 144 yards and no interceptions. LB Keith Rivers had a game-high 10 tackles, while LB Kaluka Maiava and CB Cary Harris added 7 stops each. For Nebraska, Keller was 36-of-54 for 389 yards, including 7 completions for 80 yards to WR Maurice Purify. It was the most passing yards USC surrendered since Oregon State had 485 in 2003. RB Marlon Lucky ran for 33 yards on 17 carries and added 6 catches for 41 yards. The Cornhuskers ran for just 31 yards on 28 attempts. Nebraska had more plays (82-68) than USC, but less total yards (457-420). It was USC's first visit to Lincoln since 1969 and the Trojans were the first top-ranked team to play in Memorial Stadium since 1978. ESPN's College GameDay pre-game show was at the stadium.

In 2006 in the Coliseum in the first meeting between the schools since 1970, WR Dwayne Jarrett caught a pair of touchdown passes to become USC's career TD reception leader, QB John David Booty had 3 scoring throws and the Trojan defense allowed just 211 total yards as No. 4 USC beat No. 19 Nebraska, 28-10. Jarrett caught TDs of 12 yards at the end of the first quarter and 5 yards early in the second half, giving him 31 career touchdown grabs to break Mike Williams's mark of 30. After Nebraska PK Jordan Congdon hit a 38-yard field goal late in the first quarter, USC scored the next 21 points as Jarrett's TDs sandwiched a 3-yard Booty scoring pass to WR Steve Smith late in the first half. The Cornhuskers' only other score came on a 1-yard run by QB Zac Taylor early in the fourth quarter, but USC countered with a 7-yard TD run by TB Chauncey Washington. Nebraska entered the game averaging 541.0 total yards, 256.5 rushing yards and 52.5 points. NU's 211 total yards were the fewest allowed by USC since Washington State had 156 in 2004. The Cornhuskers managed just 68 rushing yards (averaging 1.9 yards per carry), 10 first downs (the fewest allowed by USC since Washington had 6 in 2004) and 53 plays. The Trojans had 399 total yards and 26 first downs. Jarrett caught a career high-equaling 11 passes for 136 yards (his 10th career 100-yard outing), Booty was 25-of-36 for 257 yards and Smith added 6 receptions for 53 yards. TB Emmanuel Moody ran for a game-best 70 yards on 9 carries as the starter, making it the first time in USC history that a true freshman has started at tailback in consecutive games. Washington added 52 yards on 12 tries. LB Rey Maualuga led the USC defense with a game-high 11 tackles. For Nebraska, IB Kenny Wilson had 46 yards on 19 rushes, Taylor was 8-of-16 for 115 yards and IB Brandon Jackson caught 4 passes for 36 yards.

The No. 5-ranked Trojans won the first meeting, 31-21, in 1969 in Lincoln in the season opener for both teams. USC opened up a 14-0 second quarter lead and expanded it to 28-7 through the third quarter before the unranked Cornhuskers pulled to within a touchdown, 28-21. A 34-yard Ron Ayala field goal provided the final margin. USC HB Mike Berry scored on a 1-yard run and then QB Jimmy Jones hit WR Bob Chandler for a 45-yard score before Nebraska QB Van Brownson scored on a 2-yard run. But USC answered with a 4-yard run by FB Charlie Evans and another 1-yard Berry run. Nebraska came alive in the fourth quarter on a 12-yard run by RB Jeff Kinney and a 2-yard run by QB Jerry Tagge. USC had 335 total yards (182 rushing) to Nebraska's 290 (142 rushing), but the Cornhuskers had 24 first downs to Troy's 18.

No. 3 USC and No. 9 Nebraska played to a 21-21 tie in 1970 under the lights in the Coliseum, but the Cornhuskers rebounded by winning their next 11 games and the national championship. The teams traded scores throughout the game, with USC scoring last with 6:44 to play on a 10-yard run by TB Clarence Davis. Nebraska opened the scoring in the second quarter on a 17-yard pass from QB Dan Schneiss to SE Guy Ingles. USC's Jones then ran 4 yards for a score, but the Cornhuskers responded as HB Johnny Rodgers caught a 15-yard TD pass from Tagge 54 seconds before halftime. Evans had a 1-yard TD run in the third quarter, followed on the next series by TB Joe Orduna's 67-yard scoring run for Nebraska. USC had 1 more total yard in the game (366 to 365), but both teams had 5 turnovers.

VERSUS BIG TEN
USC is 73-27-3 (.723) against current Big Ten opponents. USC has won its last 12 games against Big Ten foes, as well as 33 of its last 41 games (and 40 of its last 49). USC is 18-9 against the Big Ten in bowls and has won the last 7 bowl meetings. USC's most recent game against a Big Ten foe was a 19-17 season-opening home win over Minnesota. Troy last played a Big Ten opponent in a bowl in the 2009 Rose Bowl (following the 2008 season), a 38-24 victory over Penn State. On the other hand, Nebraska is 89-41-4 (.679) against current Pac-12 members, most recently falling at home to UCLA, 41-21, in 2013. In bowls, the Cornhuskers are 1-4 against the Pac-12 (including 1-2 in the Holiday Bowl), most recently losing to Washington (coached by current USC head coach **Steve Sarkisian**) in the 2010 Holiday Bowl, 19-7.

SARK VERSUS NEBRASKA
USC head coach **Steve Sarkisian** was 2-0 against Nebraska as an assistant coach at USC (winning 28-10 at home in 2006 and 49-31 on the road in 2007), then as head coach at Washington he was 1-2 (losing at home in the 2010 regular season, 56-21, then winning a rematch in the 2010 Holiday Bowl, 19-7, then falling on the road in the 2011 51-38).

HOLIDAY BOWL FAMILIARITY
Five current USC coaches have previously coached in the Holiday Bowl: **Steve Sarkisian** (2010 with Washington), **Marques Tuiasosopo** (2010 with Washington and 2012 with UCLA), **Johnny Nansen** (2010 with Washington), **Justin Wilcox** (2004 with California) and **Chris Wilson** (2005 with Oklahoma). In that 2010 Holiday Bowl, Washington defeated Nebraska, 19-7. Tuiasosopo also played in the 1999 Holiday Bowl with Washington.

SEASON ENDERS
USC is 67-41-11 (.609) in all season finales (not including 1 win and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 68-42-11, .607.)

IN DECEMBER
USC has a 40-25-7 (.604) all-time record while playing in the month of December (does not include 2 wins vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 42-25-7, .615).

AT NIGHT
USC owns a 155-49-4 (.755) record at night, including 91-25-4 in the Coliseum, 51-18 on the road and 13-4 at neutral sites. (Does not include 5 wins and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty; original record: 160-50-4, .757 overall, 94-25-4 in the Coliseum, 15-6 at neutral sites; USC had a school-record 32-game winning streak at home at night from 1997 to 2010.)

COMMON OPPONENTS
USC and Nebraska both faced Fresno State in 2014. The Trojans posted a 52-13 season-opening home win over the Bulldogs, while the Cornhuskers won, 55-19, on the road in mid-September.

NEBRASKA CONNECTIONS
USC has no players from Nebraska, while the Cornhuskers claim 6 California natives (WR **Christian Bailey** of San Clemente HS, LB **Garrett McKay** of Servite HS and Santa Ana JC, CB **Josh Mitchell** of Corona Roosevelt HS, IB **Terrell Newby** of Chaminade HS, QB **Johnny Stanton** of Santa Margarita HS and OL **Corey Whitaker** of Vista Murrieta HS)…New Nebraska head coach **Mike Riley** was an assistant coach at USC from 1993 to 1996…Nebraska assistant women's diving coach **Natasha (Natalya) Chikina** was a 2-year (1997-98) All-American diver at USC who competed in the 1996 and 2000 Olympics for Kazakhstan and also was a USC assistant diving coach in 1998 and 1999…USC director of athletic development **Scott Wandzilak** was a distance runner at Lincoln's Southeast High and then at Nebraska in 2002 (he also was a student intern in the athletic development office there from 2003 to 2005)…In its history since 1888, USC has had only 4 lettermen from Nebraska: LB **Augusto Alonso** (2011) from Omaha's Creighton Prep, FB **Bill Betz** (1947) from Lincoln HS, RT **Theodore Ossowski** (1943) from Beatrice HS and QB **Bobby Robertson** from Omaha's Central HS…Two former Trojans played at Nebraska before transferring to USC: PK **Jordan Congdon** (2009) and CB **Chris Hale** (1987-88).

USC IN SAN DIEGO
USC has played just 6 games in San Diego, sporting a 2-3-1 record. The games were against: San Diego YMCA in 1897 (18-0 loss), San Diego High School in 1910 (32-0 win), 21st Infantry (U.S. Army) in 1917 (3-0 win), San Diego Navy in 1943 (10-7 loss while ranked fourth) and 1945 (33-6 loss while ranked sixth) and San Diego State in 1992 (a season-opening 31-31 tie in Jack Murphy Stadium in the inaugural Ralphs Holiday Classic). In 1992 in its last visit to San Diego, No. 24 USC—fielding its 100th team—opened up a 21-7 halftime lead, but San Diego State stormed back with a 24-point third quarter to make the game a battle to the wire (only 2 missed field goals in the final minute kept SDSU from upsetting the Trojans). USC QB Rob Johnson was 20-of-33 for 278 yards and 4 TDs (3 to SE Johnnie Morton and 1 to FL Curtis Conway). Trojan PK Cole Ford's 32-yard field goal tied the game with 5:36 to play. Aztec TB Marshall Faulk ran for 220 yards and 3 TDs (including a 59-yarder) on 27 carries. Also, USC has a 5-0 record against San Diego teams in the Coliseum, beating San Diego Navy in 1944 (28-21), 1951 (41-7) and 1952 (20-6) and San Diego State in 1998 (35-6) and 1999 (24-21).

SAN DIEGO CONNECTIONS
Three Trojans claim San Diego as their hometowns: PK **Matt Boermeester** (Cathedral Catholic HS), ILB **Nick Schlossberg** (La Jolla Country Day HS) and FB **Brett Sarem** (Cathedral Catholic HS)…USC head coach **Steve Sarkisian** was the quarterbacks coach at San Diego State briefly in January of 2002 before returning to USC to handle a similar duty…USC offensive line coach/running game coordinator **Tim Drevno** was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at the University of San Diego for 4 seasons (2003-06), helping the Toreros be named back-to-back NCAA Division I-AA Mid-Major national champions in 2005 and 2006…USC strength and conditioning coach **Ivan Lewis** was on the strength staffs of the San Diego Chargers (2004-2005) and at the University of San Diego (2002-03)…USC head athletic trainer **Russ Romano** is a graduate of San Diego State...S **Su'a Cravens** is a distant cousin of San Diego Chargers linebacker Manti Te'o…OG **Viane Talamaivao's** uncle, Pene Talamaivao, was a defensive tackle with the San Diego Chargers (1999-2000)…Former USC sports information office intern **Will Ferrell** portrayed fictional San Diego television newscaster Ron Burgundy in the movie, "Anchorman"…Current San Diego Chargers CB **Shareece Wright** lettered at USC from 2006 through 2010…Chargers linebackers coach **Joe Barry** played linebacker at USC (1992-93) and then was a Trojan assistant coach (1995, 2010-11)…Chargers executive vice president/chief executive officer **A.G. Spanos** earned his bachelor's degree at USC…There have been 34 former Trojans who played for the San Diego Chargers: LB **Sam Anno** (1993), LB **Charles Anthony** (1974), LB **Chip Banks** (1987), RB **Ricky Bell** (1982), C **George Belotti** (1961), T **Booker Brown** (1975-77), LB-DE **Keith Browner** (1988), LB **Frank Buncom** (1962-67), LB **Steve Busick** (1987), WR **Curtis Conway** (2000-02), S **Kevin Ellison** (2009), G **Orlando Ferrante** (1961), T-G **James FitzPatrick** (1986-89), RB **Mike Garrett** (1970-73), E **Luther Hayes** (1961), CB-S **Darrel Hopper** (1987), T **Gary Kirner** (1964-69), TE **Bob Klein** (1977-80), LB **David Lewis** (1982), WR **Grant Mattos** (2003), Pro Football Hall of Fame G **Ron Mix** (1961-69), LB **Zeke Moreno** (2001-04), QB **Pat O'Hara** (1992), C **Marc Raab** (1998), LB **Tim Rossovich** (1972-73), QB **Sean Salisbury** (1996), DT **Harry Schmidt** (1961-64), Super Bowl XXIX LB **Junior Seau** (1990-2002), G **Pat Shea** (1962-65), TB **Todd Spencer** (1987), WR **Timmie Ware** (1986-87), LB **Eric Williams** (1984), DT **Greg Wojcik** (1972-73) and CB **Shareece Wright** (2011-current).

SAN DIEGO TROJANS
In its history, 69 USC lettermen claim San Diego as their hometown. Twenty-nine of them attended San Diego HS: E **Harold (Hobbs) Adams**, LHB **Gerald Burchard** (1933-35), HB **Cosimo Cutri** (1950-51), QB **Oliver Day** (1937-38), LHB **Coye Dunn** (1936), RE **Oliver Fletcher** (1948), C **Jack Fox** (1926-27), LT **John Fox** (1915-16, 1919), FB **Charles Gallindo** (1925), C **William King Hall** (1933-34), TB-WR **Michael Hayes** (1977, 1979), QB **Rockwell Kemp** (1927-29), QB **Frank (Rabbit) Malette** (1915-17), C **Duane Maley** (1941), RE **Salvador Mena** (1938-40), LE **Dick Reed** (1945), FB **Bert Ritchey** (1928, 1930), RG **Robert H. Sanders** (1934-36), FB **Russell Saunders** (1927-29), T **Albert Scheving** (1925-27), QB **Ambrose Schindler** (1936-39), RT **George Schutte** (1946-48), LG **William Seixas** (1942), LB **Jim Snow** (1966-68), RG **Ben Sohn** (1938-40), RT **C.W. Sprott** (1914), G **Gordon Thompson** (1923), RT **Bob Van Doren** (1950-52) and QB **Irvine (Cotton) Warburton** (1932-34). The other Trojan lettermen from San Diego were: PK **Adam Abrams** (1995-98) of Bishop's HS, OT **Pete Adams** (1970-72) of University HS, TB **Marcus Allen** (1978-81) of Lincoln HS, TB **Dillon Baxter** (2010-11) of Mission Bay HS, CB **Marcel Brown** (1990) of Point Loma HS, ROV **Pat Collins** (1973) of St. Augustine HS, PK **Jordan Congdon** (2009) of St. Augustine HS, S **Rashard Cook** (1995-98) of Morse HS, FB **Humphrey Covington** (1968-69) of Lincoln HS, RT **Bob de Lauer** (1939-41) of Hoover HS, RHB **Roy Engle** (1937-39) of Hoover HS, DE-TE **Lonnie Ford** (1998-2001) of Morse HS, TE **William Gay** (1975-77) of Hoover HS, DE **Jimmy Gunn** (1967069) of Lincoln HS, LE **Luther Hayes** (1958-60) of Lincoln HS, DT **Christian Heyward** (2012) of Point Loma HS, LT-LG **Clark Higgins** (1944) of Hoover HS, ROV **Doug Hogan** (1973-75) of Point Loma HS, S **Marcus Hopkins** (1988-90) of Lincoln HS, RG **Pete Kovac** (1934) of Point Loma HS, OG **John Lanza** (2005) of Horizon HS, CB **Tim Lavender** (1978) of Central HS, OLB **David Lewis** (1974-76) of Lincoln HS, S-CB **Mozique McCurtis** (2006-07) of St. Augustine HS, MG **Ralph Oliver** (1966-67) of Hoover HS, T **Volney Peters** (1948-50) of Hoover HS, SNP **Chris Pousson** (2008-11) of St. Augustine HS, C **Marc Raab** (1990-91) of Helix HS, PK **Adam Rendon** (1995, 1997) of San Dieguito HS, DT **Darrell Russell** (1994-96) of St. Augustine HS, DHB **Nate Shaw** (1964-66) of Lincoln HS, RG-LT **Pat Shea** (1960-61) of Mission Bay HS, LHB **Joe Shell** (1937-39) of Hoover HS, C **Edwin Simpson** (1915-16, 1919) of Army Navy Academy, LB **Greg Slough** (1969-70) of Point Loma HS, NG **Harold Steele** (1975-76) of Lincoln HS, SNP-TE **Cooper Stephenson** (2008-09) of Torrey Pines HS, FB **Hal Tobin** (1960-61) of Coronado HS, TB **Steven Webster** (1985-88) of Helix HS and G **Julian Whittier** (1929) of Army Navy Academy. Eleven of those San Diego Trojans—Pete Adams, Cutri, Gay, Lavender, Lewis, Oliver, Shaw, Shea, Slough, Steele and Tobin—plus OG-OT **Bill Bain** (1973-74) also attended San Diego CC, while Collins and Covington also attended San Diego Mesa JC. P **Kyle Negrete** (2011-12) played for the University of San Diego and DE **Andrew Weiss** (2008) played for UC San Diego. G **Bob Downs** (1950) and QB **George Murphy** (1044, 1946-48) played for San Diego Navy and C **Vern Sampson** (1953-55) played for San Diego Marines. C **Tom Cox** (1984-85), OT **Gaylord Kuamoo** (1984-85) and HB **Sam Russo** (1923) listed San Diego as their hometown, but did not attend high school there.

FOOTBALL POWERS
USC and Nebraska have 2 of the top gridiron heritages in the country. USC has won 11 national titles (1928-31-32-39-62-67-72-74-78-2003-04) and Nebraska has 5 (1970-71-94-95-97). Nebraska is fourth in all-time victories among Division I-A schools (873) and USC is ninth (804, not including 14 wins vacated due to NCAA penalty). In career winning percentage, the teams are tied for eighth at .701. USC has appeared in 48 bowls (with 32 wins, not including 1 win and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty), while Nebraska has been in 50 bowls (with 25 wins). Six Trojans have won Heisman Trophies (Mike Garrett, O.J. Simpson, Charles White, Marcus Allen, Carson Palmer, Matt Leinart), as have 3 Cornhuskers (Johnny Rodgers, Mike Rozier and Eric Crouch). USC has had 163 All-American first teamers, while Nebraska claims 96. USC has 31 players in the College Football Hall of Fame and Nebraska has 16. USC has had 77 NFL first rounders to Nebraska's 34 and both schools are represented in the Pro Football Hall of Fame (11 by USC and 3 by Nebraska). Both programs have had legendary coaches (USC's Gloomy Gus Henderson, Howard Jones, John McKay, John Robinson and Pete Carroll, and Nebraska's Dana X. Bible, Bob Devaney, Tom Osborne and Frank Solich).

USC-NEBRASKA STAT COMPARISON

	USC	NEB
Rushing Offense	158.2	248.2
Passing Offense	294.6	198.0
Total Offense	452.8	446.2
Scoring Offense	35.1	37.4
Rushing Defense	132.5	176.5
Passing Defense	265.7	196.2
Total Defense	398.2	372.8
Scoring Defense	23.8	24.8
Turnover Margin	+0.9	-0.2

2014 NATIONAL HONORS

QB **Cody Kessler** is a finalist for the Manning Award and was a finalist for the Unitas Award. DE **Leonard Williams** was a finalist for the Hendricks Award and a semifinalist for the Lombardi Award, Bednarik Award and Lott IMPACT Trophy. TB **Javorius Allen** was a semifinalist for Maxwell Award and Doak Walker Award. WR **Nelson Agholor** was a semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award. LB **Hayes Pullard** was a semifinalist for the Butkus Award.

2014 ALL-AMERICANS

DE **Leonard Williams**, a 2013 All-American first teamer, made the 2014 Football Coaches All-American first team, ESPN.com All-American first team, Lindy's All-American first team, CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American first team, AP All-American second team, Walter Camp All-American second team, USA Today All-American second team, SI.com All-American second team, CBSSports.com All-American second team and Athlon All-American second team. WR **Nelson Agholor** made the 2014 CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American first team (as well as the third team as a punt returner), AP All-American third team, Athlon All-American third team and SI.com All-American honorable mention. S-OLB **Su'a Cravens** made the 2014 AP All-American third team, Athlon All-American third team and SI.com All-American honorable mention, as well as CollegeFootballNews.com Sophomore All-American first team. CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson** made the 2014 CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American second team (as a kickoff returner). TB **Javorius Allen** made the 2014 CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American third team. Jackson and OG-OT **Toa Lobendahn** were named to the 2014 Scout Freshman All-American first team, ESPN.com True Freshman All-American first team and 247Sports True Freshman All-American first team (Jackson also made the CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American first team, while Lobendahn was on the second team), while OG **Viane Talamaivao** made the CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American first team and Scout Freshman All-American second team. OT **Zach Banner** made 2014 CollegeFootballNews.com Sophomore All-American honorable mention. WR **JuJu Smith** made 2014 CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American honorable mention.

2014 ALL-PAC-12

Five Trojans—TB **Javorius Allen**, WR **Nelson Agholor**, C **Max Tuerk**, DE **Leonard Williams** and S-OLB **Su'a Cravens**—were named to the All-Pac-12 first team. USC joined Oregon and Utah for the most first team selections with 5. Williams was a repeat first teamer, USC's first since wide receiver Robert Woods in 2010-11. WR **JuJu Smith** made the All-Pac-12 second team as an all-purpose/special teams player. Seven Trojans were named All-Pac-12 honorable mention: CB-WR-RET **Adoree' Jackson**, QB **Cody Kessler**, OG-OT **Toa Lobendahn**, ILB **Hayes Pullard**, OG **Viane Talamaivao**, OLB **J.R. Tavai** and TE **Randall Telfer**. Jackson also was named the Pac-12 Freshman Defensive Player of the Year. He is the third Trojan in the past 4 years so honored, joining LB Dion Bailey (2011) and Williams (2012). One other USC defensive frosh, S Taylor Mays in 2006, was named the Pac-12 Freshman of the Year.

USC TEAM AWARDS

DE **Leonard Williams** was named USC's Most Valuable Player and Defensive Lineman of the Year, while **Randall Telfer** was the Most Inspirational Player. C **Max Tuerk** was the Offensive Lineman of the Year, WR **Nelson Agholor** was the Offensive Perimeter Player of the Year, S-OLB **Su'a Cravens** was the Defensive Perimeter Player of the Year and OLB **Quinton Powell** was the Special Teams Player of the Year. QB **Cody Kessler** won the Trojan Way Leadership Award and the Player of the Notre Dame Game Award, while LB **Hayes Pullard** won the Trojan Commitment Award. QB **Jalen Greene** was the Offensive Service Team Player of the Year, while ILB **Reuben Peters** was the Defensive Service Team Player of the Year. TB **Javorius Allen** won the Jack Oakie "Rise and Shine" Award for longest run from scrimmage (53 yards vs. Arizona State). OT **Chad Wheeler** won the Bob Chandler Award (underclassman with outstanding athletic ability, academic achievement and character), WR **JuJu Smith** won the John McKay Award (underclassman with the most competitive spirit), PK **Alex Wood** won the Joe Collins Walk-on Award, OLB **J.R. Tavai** won the Chris Carlisle Courage Award and TE **Chris Willson** won the Community Service Award. QB **Max Browne** and ILB **Anthony Sarao** shared the Lifters Award. QB **Anthony Neyer** won the Howard Jones/Football Alumni Club Academic Award (overall academic achievement).

LOOKING TO 2015

On USC's current 48-man 2-deep (including the punter and kicker), 37 players (17 offense, 17 defense, 3 specialists) are non-seniors, including 19 starters (10 offense, 8 defense, 1 specialists). That does not include potential non-senior 2-deepers who are injured, nor does it consider potential early departures for the NFL. USC's 2015 schedule features 7 home games in the Coliseum, including meetings with crosstown rival UCLA, 2012 and 2013 Pac-12 champion Stanford and a Thursday night contest against Washington. The Trojans will play every Pac-12 foe except Oregon State and Washington State, while the non-conference slate includes Notre Dame on the road and Arkansas State and Idaho at home.

NCAA PROBATION OVER

USC's NCAA probation officially ended this past June 10, meaning the 2014 team is the last under the 3-year NCAA penalty that caps the annual roster to a maximum of 75 scholarship players and the yearly scholarship signees to 15 (that's 10 fewer than the NCAA maximum in both cases). Despite being faced with severe NCAA sanctions the past 4 years, the Trojan football program was able to produce a pair of 10-win seasons in that span. USC still has a year remaining in the 5-year window of repeat violator status.

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIP PLAYERS

Because of the NCAA sanctions-mandated scholarship limitation for this season, plus early departures from last year's team and some in-season departures from this year's squad, the 2014 Trojans currently field a roster of only 65 recruited scholarship players. Just 56 of those are available this week (8 are out for the season with injuries and 1 is academically ineligible). Also, 6 more of the 56 available recruited scholarship players likely will redshirt in 2014. No more than 57 recruited scholarship players have suited up for any game in 2014.

	REC. SCHOL. PLAYERS	AVAIL.	SUITED	PLAYED
FRES	67	62	**57**	47
@STAN	67	62	**52**	39
@BC	67	62	**54**	42
OSU	66	61	**57**	45
ASU	66	61	**55**	45
@ARIZ	65	60	**50**	42
COLO	65	58	**53**	45
@UTAH	65	58	**48**	41
@WSU	65	57	**48**	41
CAL	65	57	**54**	39
@UCLA	65	58	**56**	42
ND	65	57	**56**	48

Note: Pac-12 teams can travel 70 players maximum (scholarship and non-scholarship) to non-rival Pac-12 road games, but can suit up an unlimited amount for Pac-12 home games, Pac-12 rival road games and all non-conference games.

FUN FACT I

This will be the 1,201st game in USC history, but the first ever played on Dec. 27.

FUN FACT II

This will be the first time that USC plays in a current NFL stadium since 2012, when it did so twice, first defeating Syracuse, 42-29, in MetLife Stadium in the inaugural New York's College Classic and then defeating Washington (coached by current USC head coach Steve Sarkisian), 24-14, in CenturyLink Field (while Husky Stadium underwent renovations).

2014 USC SCHEDULE (8-4)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 30	Fresno State	W 52-13
Sept. 6	at Stanford	W 13-10
Sept. 13	at Boston College	L 31-37
Sept. 27	Oregon State	W 35-10
Oct. 4	Arizona State	L 34-38
Oct. 11	at Arizona	W 28-26
Oct. 18	Colorado	W 56-28
Oct. 25	at Utah	L 21-24
Nov. 1	at Washington State	W 44-17
Nov. 13 (Th.)	California	W 38-30
Nov. 22	at UCLA	L 20-38
Nov. 29	Notre Dame	W 49-14
Dec. 27	Nebraska (Holiday Bowl)	5 p.m. (ESPN)

USC STATISTICS OF NOTE

SCORING

***USC has outscored opponents in the first quarter, 157-36, in 2014.

***USC has scored at least 20 points in 148 of its past 170 contests (including a since-broken NCAA record 63 consecutive games, a streak that was snapped in the 2006 UCLA game).

***USC has scored at least 30 points in 105 of its last 160 games.

***USC has scored at least 40 points 65 times since the start of the 2001 season (including 24 times with at least 50 points).

***Since 2003, USC has scored touchdowns of 20-plus yards 269 times.

***USC has scored in its past 220 games, a school record (although 15 scoring games later vacated due to NCAA penalty; revised record streak: 186 games, 1976 to 1983).

OFFENSE

***USC's offense currently is first nationally in completion percentage (.701, first in Pac-12), fourth in both fewest passes had intercepted (4, second in Pac-12) and in passing efficiency (166.9, second in Pac-12), 12th in third down conversions (.485, second in Pac-12) and 15th in passing offense (294.6, fourth in Pac-12).

***USC has rushed for 200 yards 6 times in 2014 (and 100 yards 9 times).

***USC's 5 consecutive 200-yard rushing games in 2014 were the most at USC since 1982.

***USC's 701 yards of total offense versus Fresno State in 2014 were its most since 2005 (745 versus Washington State).

***USC's 105 offensive plays versus Fresno State in 2013 was a since-broken Pac-12 record (10 short of the NCAA mark).

***USC completed 72.7% of its passes against an Oregon State defense that was allowing just 42.3% in 2014.

***USC's 7 TD passes against Colorado in 2014 equaled a school game record.

***USC's 6 TD passes against Notre Dame were the most ever allowed by the Irish.

DEFENSE

***USC's defense currently is 10th nationally in turnover margin (+0.9, fourth in Pac-12), 12th in red zone defense (.723, first in Pac-12) and 21st in third down conversion defense (.350, first in Pac-12).

***USC has not allowed an opponent to score on its opening drive in 2014.

***Of USC's 1,590 rushing yards allowed in 2014, 452 were by Boston College, meaning that USC's 11 other opponents have run for only 1,138 yards combined (103.5 per game).

***USC held QB Sean Mannion, Oregon State's career passing yardage leader, in 2014 to his lowest career output as a starter (15-of-32, 115 yards, 2 interceptions, 0 TDs).

***USC limited Colorado QB Sefo Liufau, who was averaging 314.5 passing yards, to a career-low 143 yards.

***USC limited Arizona State, which entered the game as the Pac-12's rushing offense leader at 262.8, to 31 rushing yards in 2014.

***Boston College's 54 passing yards in 2014 were the fewest allowed by USC since 2008 (41 by Notre Dame).

***Boston College's 5 pass completions in 2014 were the fewest allowed by USC since 2002 (2 by Colorado).

***Oregon State's 181 total yards in 2014 were the fewest allowed by USC since 2009 (121 by San Jose State).

***Arizona's 472 total yards, 77 rushing yards and 26 points against USC in 2014 were 102, 147 and 14, respectively, under the Wildcats' average.

***USC held Utah to 13.8 points under its scoring average.

***USC held California, ranked in the national Top 11 in passing, scoring and total offense, under its averages by 82 yards, 10.9 points and 125.9 yards, respectively.

***USC limited Notre Dame QB Everett Golson, who was in the national Top 10 in passing TDs, total offense and passing yardage, to no TD passes, 61 total yards and 75 passing yards.

***USC did not allow a TD pass in its first 4 games of 2014 (it was the only school in the nation to do so).

***USC's 13 interceptions in 2014 have come from 9 different players.

***USC has intercepted a pass in 115 of the last 164 games.

***USC has held 90 of its last 163 opposing teams to 100 rushing yards or less (including 4 times in 2014).

***Only 33 opposing runners have rushed for 100 yards against USC in the past 151 games (most recently, Utah's Devontae Booker with 102 in 2014).

***Since the start of the 2001 season, USC is 68-6 when holding opponents to 300 yards of total offense or less (the losses were against UCLA in 2006, Stanford in 2007, Washington in 2009, Notre Dame in 2010 and Washington State and Notre Dame in 2013).

RANKINGS

***USC has been ranked in the AP Top 25 for 137 of its past 168 games.

***USC has been in the AP Top 10 for 92 of its past 160 games, including a since-snapped school record of 62 consecutive games.

***USC has been in the AP Top 5 in 65 of the last 156 games.

MISCELLANEOUS

***The only other season that USC lost 2 games in the final 8 seconds, like it has in 2014, was in 2010 when Washington and Stanford hit game-winning field goals at the gun in consecutive games.

***USC's first 3 losses in 2014 were by a total of 13 points (4.3 average) and 2 came on the opponents' last play of the game.

***USC had a school record-tying streak of 4 consecutive games without a turnover in 2014 versus Stanford, Boston College, Oregon State and Arizona State (its longest streak since 4 in a row in 1995, versus Houston, Arizona, Arizona State and California).

***Eleven true freshmen have played significant roles for USC in 2014, including 8 who have a combined 52 starts.

***USC's 2-0 Pac-12 start in 2014 was its first since 2007.

***USC's win at Stanford in 2014 snapped the Cardinal's 17-game home winning streak.

***Every Pac-12 South Division opponent that USC played in 2014 had at least 8 days to prepare for the Trojans.

***USC has blocked 27 kicks since 2010 (including 2 blocked field goals in 2014).

***USC has appeared on live national, regional or local telecasts 463 times, including 329 of the past 331 games (Troy's last 169 games have been televised live, a school record).

USC'S HOLIDAY BOWL MEDIA ACTIVITIES

Tues., Dec. 23
10 a.m. – USC practice on campus, open to media
(Sark/all players/coaches media availabilityafter practice on field)
2 p.m. – USC departs via bus for San Diego

Wed., Dec. 24
11:15 a.m. – USC practice at (San Diego State), first 20 minutes open to media
(Sark/all players/coaches media availability after practice on field)
2:15 p.m. – USC visits San Diego Zoo
(Photo opportunity with Trojan captains)

Thurs., Dec. 25
11:15 a.m. – practice at (San Diego State), closed to media
(Sark media availability after practice on field)
2:15 p.m. – USC visits Sea World
(Photo opportunity with Trojan captains)

Fri., Dec. 26
10 a.m. – USC/Nebraska head coach press conference, Omni San Diego Hotel (675 L St.)
11 a.m. – Navy and Marine Corps Luncheon for USC and Nebraska teams aboard the USS Essex (32nd Street Naval Base)

Sat., Dec. 27
5 p.m. – USC vs. Nebraska in Holiday Bowl, Qualcomm Stadium

NOTE: All times subject to change

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USC RANDOM NOTES

***USC's 2014 team captains, as elected by their teammates prior to the season, are QB **Cody Kessler**, ILB **Hayes Pullard**, DE **Leonard Williams** WR **Nelson Agholor** and C **Max Tuerk**. Pullard, also a captain in 2013, is the 12th Trojan multi-year captain.

***Former USC two-time All-American offensive tackle **Tony Boselli**, who twice was the NFL Lineman of the Year, was named to the 16-member 2014 Football Bowl Subdivision Class of the College Football Hall of Fame. He is the 40th inductee with USC ties, including 31 players, in the College Football Hall of Fame. A Trojan has been elected into the Hall in 11 of the past 15 years. Boselli was inducted at a Dec. 9 dinner in New York City and then will be enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame in ceremonies in the summer of 2015. Boselli is regarded as one of the finest offensive tackles to play at USC and in the NFL. A four-year (1991-94) starter at USC, he was a two-time (1992-94) All-American first teamer and three-time (1991-92-94) All-Pac-10 first teamer. As a 1994 senior, he was USC's MVP and team captain and won the Pac-10 Morris Trophy, as well as being named a National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete. The No. 2 selection of the 1995 NFL draft, he was the first-ever pick in the history of the Jacksonville Jaguars franchise. He played seven seasons (1995-2001) with the Jaguars, where he was a four-time All-Pro and five-time Pro Bowler. He twice was the NFL Lineman of the Year and was named to the NFL's 1990s All-Decade Team. He spent 2002 with the Houston Texans. He was inducted into USC's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012. Boselli now is a sports commentator and businessman, and runs the Boselli Foundation to assist at-risk youngsters in Jacksonville.

***USC is wearing a decal with a "Z" on the back of its helmets in honor of Trojan Olympic distance runner and World War II hero Louis Zamperini, who died this past July 2 at age 97. Zamperini, who was eighth in the 5,000-meter run at the 1936 Olympics, was the NCAA mile champion in 1938 and 1939. He set high school and collegiate mile records that lasted 20 and 15 years, respectively. A bombardier in the Army Air Corps during World War II, he was lost at sea, spending 47 days adrift and then two-and-a-half years as a prisoner of war in Japan, enduring hunger and torture before being rescued. His story was chronicled in Laura Hillenbrand's award-winning biography, "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption." The book has been made into a movie, directed by Angelina Jolie, and set for a December release.

***USC is the only FBS school never to have had surnames on the back of its jerseys. Interestingly, the Trojan uniform was named the nation's seventh best in college football this year by USA Today.

***USC was one of only 4 teams (along with Central Florida, Iowa State and North Carolina) to play its first 6 games of 2014 against teams with winning records from 2013.

***USC is one of only 3 NCAA FBS (formerly Division I-A) schools that has never played an FCS (formerly non-Division I-A) opponent since the divisions were established in 1978. The other schools are UCLA and Notre Dame, both Trojan opponents every season.

***USC will open its 2016 season on Sept. 3 against Alabama in the eighth annual Cowboys Classic at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Tex., in a Labor Day weekend neutral site game. It will be the first meeting between the teams since the 1985 Aloha Bowl. The Trojans and Crimson Tide have met 7 times in the past, including a 42-21 USC victory in 1970 in a game that was credited with helping to integrate Southern football because of the outstanding performances that day by the Trojans' African-American players, particularly fullback Sam Cunningham, tailback Clarence Davis and quarterback Jimmy Jones. USC also has a home-and-home series set against Texas in 2017 (in Los Angeles) and 2018 (Austin). The Trojans and Longhorns last met in the 2006 BCS Championship Game, one of the most memorable games in college football history. USC's future non-conference schedule also has BYU in 2019 (away), 2021 (home) and 2023 (home). Since 1926, USC has annually (except during World War II) played Notre Dame in a series that last year was extended through 2023. This year's Trojan non-conference foes in addition to Notre Dame are Fresno State and Boston College. In the past 15 years, Troy also has played Ohio State, Auburn, Nebraska, Penn State, Arkansas, Virginia Tech, Kansas State, Syracuse, Hawaii, Minnesota and Virginia on its regular season non-conference slate.

***USC's 2 conference "misses" in 2014 (as it was in 2013) were Oregon and Washington. The last time before 2013 that USC did not face Oregon was 2004 and Washington was 2000, while the last time before 2013 that USC played neither the Ducks nor the Huskies in a season was 1928.

***USC has a 158-67-8 (.695) record in the 20 seasons when the World Cup was played. In those years, the Trojans went to 12 bowl games (including 7 Rose Bowls) and won 7 of them, plus they captured 7 conference titles and were named national champion 3 times.

***Ten Trojans previously played at other 4-year schools: DT **Delvon Simmons** (Texas Tech), CB-S **Josh Shaw** (Florida), QB **Anthony Neyer** (Idaho), TE **Chris Willson** (Wake Forest), WR **David Mellstrom** (Virginia Tech), ILB **Joel Foy** (Air Force), DE-TE **Teddy Baker** (Connecticut, Wesleyan), QB **Alex Bridgford** (Redlands), TE **Connor Spears** (Columbia) and DE **Christian Bradley** (Cal Lutheran).

***C **Giovanni Di Poalo** (sociology, summer of 2013) and TE **Randall Telfer** (political science, spring of 2014) already received their bachelor's degrees. Di Poalo is now working on a master's degree in communication management.

***USC currently has 16 players who graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC in the spring. PK **Andre Heidari**, QB **Cody Kessler**, SNP **Peter McBride** and FB **Soma Vainuku** all enrolled in the spring of 2011, OLB **Scott Felix** and OT **Chad Wheeler** both enrolled in the spring of 2012, and DT **Kenny Bigelow**, QB **Max Browne**, S **Su'a Cravens**, TB **Justin Davis**, CB **Chris Hawkins** and S **Leon McQuay III** all enrolled in the spring of 2013. OT **Jordan Austin**, QB **Jalen Greene**, OLB **Don Hill** and OG **Toa Lobendahn** all enrolled in the spring of 2014. Since 1999, 32 Trojans have graduated at least a semester early from high school and come to USC (including 1 who graduated a full year early).

***Who's the fastest among the 2014 Trojans? It might be WR **George Farmer**, with bests of 10.40 in the 100 meters and 21.22 in the 200 meters (he was second in the 100 meters and seventh in the 200 at the 2010 California state meet). Or maybe it is CB-WR **Adoree' Jackson**, who has bests of 10.68 in the 100 and 21.59 in the 200. Jackson's specialty, however, was the long jump, with a best of 25-5 ¼ (he was the 2012 state champ and then the runner-up in 2013). Interestingly, both Farmer and Jackson are products of Serra High in Gardena (Calif.).

***Several USC football players have participated on other athletic teams in college. QB **Conner Sullivan** was an infielder/outfielder on the 2013 baseball team (he hit .267). Before coming to USC, TE **Chris Willson** pitched on the baseball team at Wake Forest and DE-TE **Teddy Baker** played lacrosse at Wesleyan.

***Many USC players played various sports in high school in addition to football. QB **Larry Tuileta** was the 2014 National High School Player of the Year in volleyball (he led his team to 3 straight state championships). PK-P **Wyatt Schmidt** played ice hockey in high school (winning a state championship) and then in a junior league in South Dakota after graduating high school. S **Rob Dooley**, ILB **Nick Schlossberg** and DE-TE **Teddy Baker** played lacrosse as prepsters. WR **Christian Guzman**, PK **Alex Wood** and P **Jack Basalari** also played soccer in high school. TE **Chris Willson**, S **Matt Lopes**, QB **Conner Sullivan**, TE **Connor Spears**, FB **Pat Hart**, PK **Matt Boermeester**, PK **Reid Budrovich** and CB **Jalen Jones** played baseball in high school. Among the Trojans who played prep basketball: Schlossberg, Baker, Spears, Hart, OT **Zach Banner** (he led his team to the state 3A title in 2011), QB **Cody Kessler**, ILB **Hayes Pullard**, WR **Nelson Agholor**, DE **Greg Townsend Jr.**, QB **Max Browne**, TE **Jalen Cope-Fitzpatrick**, WR **George Farmer**, OT **Nico Falah**, CB-WR **Adoree' Jackson**, WR **Ajene Harris**, WR-CB **Rahshead Johnson**, OLB-ILB **Uchenna Nwosu**, ILB **Olajuwon Tucker**, TE **Bryce Dixon**, OLB **Don Hill**, TB **Stefan Smith**, S **Davonte Nunnery**, OT **Quinn Bassler** and QB **Andrew Zolintakis**. High school tracksters included Farmer, Pullard, Jackson, Smith, Nunnery, Schmidt, Bassler, ILB **Lamar Dawson**, OG **Aundrey Walker**, TB **Javorius Allen**, OLB **J.R. Tavai**, DT **Cody Temple**, FB **Jahleel Pinner**, TB **Justin Davis**, CB **Kevin Carrasco**, ILB **Joel Foy**, WR **David Mellstrom**, S-CB **John Plattenburg** and ILB **Matt Miller**.

***DE **Leonard Williams**, ILB **Lamar Dawson** and OG **Jordan Simmons** had their artwork displayed at the 2014 "Artletics" on-campus exhibit that featured the works of USC student-athletes, while Williams, WR **George Farmer** and DT **Antwaun Woods** had theirs displayed in 2013 and OLB **Charles Burks'** work was on display there in 2012.

***CB-S **Josh Shaw** was chosen to speak at the 2014 USC Student-Athlete Graduation Ceremony, where he recounted his life story of going from Palmdale to Florida to USC.

***TE **Randall Telfer** was among 4 USC student-athletes to participate in the 2012 NCAA Career in Sports Forum in Indianapolis, where he pursued the administrative track.

***USC WR **Robby Kolanz** received a 2014 Chick Hearn Scholarship, presented to aspiring sports broadcasters by the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism and the Los Angeles Lakers.

***LB **Lamar Dawson**, from Boyle County High in Danville (Ky.), is just the second Trojan letterman from Kentucky (joining LB Kurt Barber, who lettered 1988-91 after prepping at Paducah Tilghman High).

***TB **Tre Madden** and FB **Jahleel Pinner**, who both started USC's first 6 games of 2013, have been backfield teammates since peewee football and while at Mission Viejo (Calif.) High.

***USC OG **Aundrey Walker** has 17 siblings. He is the youngest of 14 brothers.

***WR **Nelson Agholor** was born in Nigeria, while TE **Connor Spears** was born in Ireland.

***CB **Kevin Carrasco** is fluent in Spanish and speaks some Korean.

***CB **Ryan Dillard** played the saxophone in his high school's orchestra.

***S **Leon McQuay III**, a music industry major at USC, has produced his own music tracks.

***A YouTube video of SNP **Zach Smith's** long snapping trick shots has more than 610,000 views.

***DE **Jeff Miller** and ILB **Matt Miller** are USC's only set of brothers.

***USC has 3 players with the surname Simmons (DT **Delvon Simmons**, OG **Jordan Simmons** and CB **Lamont Simmons**) and 3 with the last name of Smith (WR-S **JuJu Smith**, SNP **Zach Smith** and TB **Stefan Smith**), but none are related.

***USC's roster features a Jr. (DE **Greg Townsend Jr.**), a III (S **Leon McQuay III**) and a IV (TB **James Toland IV**).

***What's in a name? OLB **J.R. Tavai's** initials stand for John Robert. TB **Tre Madden's** real first name is Curtis, WR-S **JuJu Smith's** is John, DE-TE **Teddy Baker's** is Edward, DT **Claude Pelon's** is Claudeson and assistant coach **Tee Martin's** is Tamaurice. TB **Javorius Allen** goes by the nickname of "Buck." ILB **Olajuwon Tucker's** nickname is "Buddha." OLB **Scott Felix** this summer legally changed his last name from his mother's (Starr) to his father's.

***How's this for a colorful player: PK **Matt Boermeester** "greyshirted" in 2012 (he did not enroll as a full-time college student) coming out of high school. He then was awarded a scholarship at USC this fall by virtue of an NCAA rule known as "blueshirting" (it allows a non-recruited student-athlete to receive athletic financial aid after beginning practice and have that student-athlete count towards the next year's signing class if the school has reached its NCAA-maximum aid limit for the current year). If Boermeester does not play in 2014, he will have "redshirted."

***USC's current coaching staff has 146 years of coaching experience at all levels. They have coached in 73 bowls or playoffs, including on 3 national championship teams and 3 NFL playoff teams. The staff also has 47 years of college playing experience and 30 years of pro playing experience.

***Two Trojan assistant coaches (**Clay Helton** and **Marques Tuiasosopo**) have served as interim head coaches (Helton for USC for the 2013 Las Vegas Bowl and also at Memphis for several months in early 2006, and Tuiasosopo for Washington in the 2013 Fight Hunger Bowl).

***Wide receivers coach **Tee Martin's** wife, Toya, is a recording artist with hit singles "I Do!" (2001) and "No Matta What (Party All Night)" (2002).

***In the summer of 2013, USC received unanimous approval from the Board of Directors of the California Science Center to allow the transaction between the university and the state of California for USC to begin operating and renovating the Coliseum. Over the next decade, USC will invest $70 million into the stadium to improve the fan experience ($100 million will be invested by 2054). USC has been a tenant in the Coliseum since the historic stadium opened in 1923.

***An updated version of PROJECT TROJAN, a free interactive mobile app for iOS and Android devices that gives fans, media and recruits a unique inside look at the 2014 USC football program, is available for download for the first time ever for iPad users. The newly redesigned app is also available for all iOS and Android users by downloading in iTunes and Google Play. With more video content than ever before, PROJECT TROJAN gives users unprecedented access to Trojan players and coaches. The app features video playlists for Fall Camp, Football Mic'd Up, Football Classics, SCigning Day, Spring Football, Trojans Live Radio show, archived videos from past seasons and more. The new in-depth Trojan Way section delves into statistical and biographical information, the USC football program's history and philosophy, the interplay among athletics and academics and the student-athlete experience of attending USC. There is a virtual tour of USC's athletic facilities, including the McKay Center and the Coliseum, and special looks at various facets of the athletic department available to student-athletes, such as athletic training, academic services, strength and conditioning and sports nutrition. A historical section profiles USC award winners, Trojans in the NFL and successful alumni in the professional community. The app includes the popular interactive Photo Booth, as well as a redesigned social media section featuring a digital mosaic of social media content from official USC Athletics feeds, USC coaches and players, as well as usc.edu social media streams. USC merchandise and tickets also are available for purchase within the dynamic app, which will have new video and elements added regularly throughout the year.

***Longtime USC radio play-by-play announcer **Pete Arbogast** has been selected for induction into the Southern California Sports Broadcasters Hall of Fame. Arbogast began calling Trojan football games in 1989 and has done so nearly every year since then. Induction ceremonies will be Jan. 26, 2015, in Toluca Lake, Calif.

***Several Trojan staffers have been associated with national championship teams. Assistant coach **Tee Martin** quarterbacked Tennessee to the 1998 national championship. Offensive administrative assistant **Lenny Vandermade** was an offensive guard-center on USC's 2003 national championship team. Steve Sarkisian's executive assistant **Cheryl Taplin** was a sprinter on 7 of LSU's NCAA champion outdoor and indoor women's track and field teams.

***Several Trojans have relatives with USC football connections. ILB **Grant Moore's** father, Rex, was a 4-year (1984-87) letterman linebacker at USC, leading the Trojans in tackles in 1986 while earning team Most Inspirational Player accolades. S **Su'a Craven's** cousin, Jordan Cameron, played tight end at USC (2008-10). TB **Tre Madden's** uncle is former USC (1995-98) cornerback Daylon McCutcheon. DE **Jeff Miller** and ILB **Matt Miller** are brothers. QB **Conner Sullivan's** brother, Shane, was a Trojan tight end in 2013. WR **Christian Tober's** brother, William, was a cornerback at USC in 2012. FB **Soma Vainuku's** cousin is former USC All-American (2005-08) linebacker Rey Maualuga. S **Matt Lopes'** mother, Helaine, was an assistant athletic trainer at USC in the 1980s and 1990s, including working with the Trojan football program. Assistant coach **Johnny Nansen** is the uncle of current C **Viane Talamaivao** and the cousin of current WR-S **JuJu Smith**. Assistant coach **Marques Tuiasosopo's** second cousin is former USC offensive guard Titus Tuiasosopo (1990-92).

HOLIDAY BOWL HISTORY

2013 — Texas Tech 37, Arizona State 23
2012 — Baylor 49, UCLA 26
2011 — Texas 21, California 10
2010 — Washington 19, Nebraska 7
2009 — Nebraska 33, Arizona 0
2008 — Oregon 42, Oklahoma State 31
2007 — Texas 52, Arizona State 34
2006 — California 45, Texas A&M 10
2005 — Oklahoma 17, Oregon 14
2004 — Texas Tech 45, California 31
2003 — Washington State 28, Texas 20
2002 — Kansas State 34, Arizona State 27
2001 — Texas 47, Washington 43
2000 — Oregon 35, Texas 30
1999 — Kansas State 24, Washington 20
1998 — Arizona 23, Nebraska 20
1997 — Colorado State 35, Missouri 24
1996 — Colorado 33, Washington 21
1995 — Kansas State 54, CSU 21
1994 — Michigan 24, Colorado State 14
1993 — Ohio State 28, BYU 21
1992 — Hawaii 27, Illinois 17
1991 — Iowa 13, BYU 13
1990 — Texas A&M 65, BYU 14
1989 — Penn State 50, BYU 39
1988 — Oklahoma State 62, Wyoming 14
1987 — Iowa 20, Wyoming 19
1986 — Iowa 39, San Diego State 38
1985 — Arkansas 18, Arizona STate 17
1984 — BYU 24, Michigan 17
1983 — BYU 21, Missouri 17
1982 — Ohio State 47, BYU 17
1981 — BYU 38, Washington State 36
1980 — BYU 46, SMU 45
1979 — Indiana 38, BYU 37
1978 — Navy 23, BYU 16

2014 USC DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

WR —	**9**	**JuJu Smith (6-2, 210, Fr.)**	
	86	Robby Kolanz (5-10, 170, So.*)	
	84	Aaron Minor (6-2, 200, Fr.*)	
	44	Christian Guzman (6-3, 220, So.*)	
WR —	**15**	**Nelson Agholor (6-1, 190, Jr.)**	**@NelsonAgh15**
	7	Steven Mitchell (5-10, 185, Fr.*)	
	2	Adoree' Jackson (5-11, 185, Fr.)	@AdoreeKnows
	18	Ajene Harris (5-11, 180, Fr.)	@AjeneHarris
	83	George Katrib (6-0, 185, Jr.)	
TE —	**82**	**Randall Telfer (6-4, 260, Sr.*)**	**@RandallTelfer**
	13	Bryce Dixon (6-4, 240, Fr.)	@ABCDIXON
	89/76	Nathan Guertler (6-5, 270, Sr.*) OR	
	91	Teddy Baker (6-4, 265, Sr.*)	
RT —	**73**	**Zach Banner (6-9, 350, So.*)**	**@zachbanner73**
	76/89	Nathan Guertler (6-5, 270, Sr.*)	
	67	Quinn Bassler (6-6, 280, Fr.)	
RG —	**60**	**Viane Talamaivao (6-3, 330, Fr.)**	
	51	Damien Mama (6-5, 370, Fr.)	@dmama75
	77	Chris Brown (6-5, 295, Fr.)	@ChrisRBrown77
C —	**75**	**Max Tuerk (6-6, 285, Jr.)**	**@maxtuerk**
	63	Giovanni Di Poalo (6-4, 280, Sr.*)	
	64	Richie Wenzel (6-2, 280, Fr.)	
LG —	**51**	**Damien Mama (6-5, 370, Fr.)**	**@dmama75**
	62	Khaliel Rodgers (6-3, 315, Fr.*)	@K_rodgers62
	50	Toa Lobendahn (6-3, 280, Fr.)	@T_Lo55
	65	Erick Jepsen (6-2, 295, Jr.*)	
LT —	**50**	**Toa Lobendahn (6-3, 280, Fr.)**	**@T_Lo55**
	70	Aundrey Walker (6-6, 315, Sr.)	@Rozay_YoLo
	74	Nico Falah (6-4, 285, Fr.*)	@NicoFalah
WR —	**1**	**Darreus Rogers (6-1, 215, So.) OR**	**@DROG_UNO**
	8	**George Farmer (6-1, 220, Jr.*)**	**@Gfarmer8**
	27	David Mellstrom (6-0, 180, Jr.*)	@mellstromdavid
QB —	**6**	**Cody Kessler (6-1, 210, Jr.*)**	**@CodyKessler6**
	4	Max Browne (6-5, 220, Fr.*)	@MaxBrowne4
	10	Jalen Greene (6-2, 200, Fr.)	@HeismanJG
	14	Conner Sullivan (6-0, 195, So.*)	
	16	Anthony Neyer (6-2, 205, Sr.*)	@AnthonyNeyer
	19	Larry Tuileta (6-2, 200, Fr.)	
	17	Alex Bridgford (6-3, 190, So.*)	@AlexBridgford17
	15	Michael Bowman (6-4, 200, Fr.)	
	8	Andrew Zolintakis (6-0, 170, Fr.)	
FB —	**31**	**Soma Vainuku (6-0, 270, Jr.*) OR**	**@somavainuku**
	38	**Jahleel Pinner (5-11, 235, Jr.)**	**@YesItsMe_JP**
	40	Pat Hart (6-0, 240, Fr.*)	
TB —	**37**	**Javorius Allen (6-1, 220, Jr.*)**	
	22	Justin Davis (6-1, 195, So.)	@JD_22bsm
	26	James Toland IV (5-11, 185, Fr.*)	@Toland25
	24	Stefan Smith (6-1, 195, Fr.)	

SPECIALISTS

P —	**35**	**Kris Albarado (5-10, 200, Jr.*)**	**@Albarado19**
	48	Andre Heidari (5-11, 220, Sr.)	@AndreHeidari10
	46	Reid Budrovich (6-0, 180, Fr.)	@Reid_Bud
	48	Jack Basalari (5-11, 175, Fr.*)	
PK —	**48**	**Andre Heidari (5-11, 220, Sr.)—FG, PAT**	**@AndreHeidari10**
	39	Alex Wood (5-10, 175, So.*)—KO	
	46	Wyatt Schmid (6-3, 205, Fr.)	
	39	Matt Boermeester (6-0, 185, So.)	@MattBoermeester
SNP —	**92**	**Zach Smith (6-1, 210, So.)**	
	61	Peter McBride (6-1, 215, Jr.*)	
	57	Nick Schlossberg (6-0, 215, So.*)	
HLD —	**14**	**Conner Sullivan (6-0, 195, So.*)**	
	6	Cody Kessler (6-1, 210, Jr.*)	@CodyKessler6
	16	Anthony Neyer (6-2, 205, Sr.*)	@AnthonyNeyer

DEFENSE

SOLB –	**21**	**Su'a Cravens (6-1, 225, So.)**	**@ovo_suu**
	42	Uchenna Nwosu (6-3, 210, Fr.) OR	@UchennaN_42
	18	Quinton Powell (6-2, 200, So.)	@coolboyq_52
	50	Grant Moore (6-1, 220, Fr.)	
	53	Alex Moore (6-2, 220, Fr.)	
DT —	**52**	**Delvon Simmons (6-5, 295, Jr.*) OR**	
	90	**Claude Pelon (6-4, 295, Jr.*)**	**@fightonbigg90**
	59	Don Hill (6-3, 245, Fr.)	
NT —	**52**	**Delvon Simmons (6-5, 295, Jr.*) OR**	
	98	**Cody Temple (6-2, 310, Jr.*)**	
	96	Joey Augello (6-0, 290, Jr.)	
	79	Jeff Miller (6-1, 245, So.*)	
DE —	**94**	**Leonard Williams (6-5, 300, Jr.)**	**@LWtrojan94**
	93	Greg Townsend Jr. (6-3, 275, Jr.*)	
	44	Malik Dorton (6-2, 250, Fr.)	@theeEliteMalik
RUSH –	**58**	**J.R. Tavai (6-2, 250, Sr.)**	
	47	Scott Felix (6-2, 230, So.*)	@SS47ERA
	45	Charles Burks (5-11, 225, Jr.*)	
MILB –	**10**	**Hayes Pullard (6-1, 235, Sr.*)**	**@FightOn10**
	19	Michael Hutchings (6-1, 210, So.)	@CaliHutch_17
	54	Reuben Peters (6-1, 220, Fr.)	
	57	Nick Schlossberg (6-0, 215, So.*)	
WILB –	**56**	**Anthony Sarao (6-0, 220, Jr.*)**	
	34	Olajuwon Tucker (6-3, 220, Fr.)	@BThree4
	51	Joel Foy (6-2, 215, Fr.*)	
	49	Matt Miller (6-1, 225, Fr.)	
CB —	**13**	**Kevon Seymour (6-0, 185, Jr.)**	**@KSeymour_13**
	6	Josh Shaw (6-1, 200, Sr.*)	
	23	Jonathan Lockett (5-11, 175, Fr.)	@Jlock_23
	17	Devian Shelton (6-1, 180, So.*)	@jeromeshelton17
	25	Lamont Simmons (6-2, 185, Fr.)	
FS —	**27**	**Gerald Bowman (6-0, 205, Sr.*)**	**@Gerald_Bowman**
	22	Leon McQuay III (6-1, 185, So.)	@lmcquay22
	37	Matt Lopes (5-11, 180, Fr.*)	
	29	Kevin Carrasco (6-0, 185, So.)	
	26	Davonte Nunnery (5-11, 210, Fr.)	@The_GOAT_4
SS —	**24**	**John Plattenburg (5-11, 180, Fr.)**	**@J_Plattenburg**
	22	Leon McQuay III (6-1, 185, So.)	@lmcquay22
	21	Su'a Cravens (6-1, 225, So.)	@ovo_suu
CB —	**2**	**Adoree' Jackson (5-11, 185, Fr.)**	**@AdoreeKnows**
	4	Chris Hawkins (5-11, 185, Fr.*)	
	28	Ryan Dillard (5-9, 185, Jr.)	@DillardIsland28
	38	Jalen Jones (5-8, 155, Fr.)	
	14	Rahshead Johnson (5-11, 175, Fr.)	
	36	Joe Harding (5-10, 180, Fr.)	

RETURNERS

PR —	**15**	**Nelson Agholor (6-1, 190, Jr.)**	**@NelsonAgh15**
	2	Adoree' Jackson (5-11, 185, Fr.)	@AdoreeKnows
	1	Darreus Rogers (6-1, 215, So.)	@DROG_UNO
KOR —	**2**	**Adoree' Jackson (5-11, 185, Fr.) AND**	**@AdoreeKnows**
	9	**JuJu Smith (6-2, 210, Fr.)**	
	22	Justin Davis (6-1, 195, So.)	@JD_22bsm
	15	Nelson Agholor (6-1, 190, Jr.)	@NelsonAgh15

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*Used redshirt year
@Twitter handles
Players listed above underlined numbers are in primary playing rotation

2014 USC FOOTBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Birthday	Cl.(Ath/Ac)	Exp.	Hometown (High School/JC/College)
1	ROGERS, Darreus	WR	6-1	215	9/3/93	So./So.	1V	Compton (Carson)
2	JACKSON, Adoree'	CB-WR	5-11	185	9/18/95	Fr./Fr.	—	Belleville, IL (Serra)
4	BROWNE, Max	QB	6-5	220	2/2/95	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Sammamish, WA (Skyline)
4	HAWKINS, Chris	CB	5-11	185	3/11/95	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Rancho Cucamonga (Rancho Cucamonga)
6	KESSLER, Cody	QB	6-1	210	5/11/93	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Bakersfield (Centennial)
6	SHAW, Josh	CB-S	6-1	200	3/27/92	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Palmdale (Palmdale/Florida)
7	MITCHELL, Steven	WR	5-10	185	5/2/94	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Pasadena (Bishop Alemany)
8	FARMER, George	WR	6-1	220	7/4/93	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Los Angeles (Serra)
8	ZOLINTAKIS, Andrew	QB	6-0	170	2/27/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Lafayette (Campolindo)
9	SMITH, JuJu	WR-S	6-2	210	11/22/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Long Beach (Poly)
10	PULLARD, Hayes	ILB	6-1	235	4/18/92	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Inglewood (Crenshaw)
10	GREENE, Jalen	QB	6-2	200	6/13/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Inglewood (Serra)
13	SEYMOUR, Kevon	CB	6-0	185	11/30/93	Jr./Jr.	2V	Pasadena (Muir)
13	DIXON, Bryce	TE	6-4	240	7/26/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Oxnard (St. Bonaventure)
14	JOHNSON, Rahshead	WR-CB	5-11	175	9/29/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Compton (Cabrillo)
14	SULLIVAN, Conner	QB	6-0	195	6/17/92	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Orange (Orange Lutheran)
15	AGHOLOR, Nelson	WR	6-1	190	5/24/93	Jr./Jr.	2V	Tampa, FL (Berkeley Prep)
15	BOWMAN, Michael	QB	6-4	200	3/25/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Pasadena (Pasadena Poly)
16	NEYER, Anthony	QB	6-2	205	9/3/92	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Palm Desert (Xavier College Prep/ USC/Los Angeles Pierce JC/Idaho)
17	SHELTON, Devian	CB	6-1	180	1/19/93	So.*/Jr.	1V	Inglewood (Inglewood)
17	BRIDGFORD, Alex	QB	6-3	190	4/16/94	So.*/Jr.	TR	Mission Viejo (Mission Viejo/ Redlands)
18	POWELL, Quinton	OLB	6-2	200	10/25/93	So./So.	1V	Deltona, FL (Mainland)
18	HARRIS, Ajene	WR	5-11	180	6/1/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Los Angeles (Crenshaw)
19	HUTCHINGS, Michael	ILB	6-1	210	3/27/95	So./So.	1V	Antioch (De La Salle)
19	TUILETA, Larry	QB	6-2	200	9/24/95	Fr./Fr.	—	Honolulu, HI (Punahou)
21	CRAVENS, Su'a	S	6-1	225	7/7/95	So./So.	1V	Los Angeles (Vista Murrieta)
22	DAVIS, Justin	TB	6-1	195	11/11/95	So./So.	1V	Stockton (Lincoln)
22	McQUAY III, Leon	S	6-1	185	11/21/94	So./So.	1V	Seffner, FL (Armwood)
23	MADDEN, Tre	TB	6-1	225	8/16/93	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Aliso Viejo (Mission Viejo)
23	LOCKETT, Jonathan	CB	5-11	175	4/18/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Bellflower (Mater Dei)
24	PLATTENBURG, John	S-CB	5-11	180	1/10/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Houston, TX (Lamar)
24	SMITH, Stefan	TB	6-1	195	1/11/97	Fr./Fr.	—	San Marino (Flintridge Prep)
25	SIMMONS, Lamont	CB	6-2	185	10/7/95	Fr./Fr.	—	Jacksonville, FL (Raines)
26	TOLAND IV, James	TB	5-11	185	12/29/94	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Indio (Shadow Hills)
26	NUNNERY, Davonte	S	5-11	210	10/12/95	Fr./Fr.	—	Oxnard (St. Bonaventure)
27	BOWMAN, Gerald	S	6-0	205	10/31/89	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Philadelphia, PA (Imhotep/ Los Angeles Pierce JC)
27	MELLSTROM, David	WR	6-0	180	1/1/93	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Round Hill, VA (Loudoun Valley/ Virginia Tech)
28	TOBER, Christian	WR	5-8	175	11/13/93	Jr./Jr.	1V	San Clemente (San Clemente)
28	DILLARD, Ryan	CB	5-9	185	3/25/94	Jr./Jr.	2V	Buford, GA (Buford)
29	CARRASCO, Kevin	CB	6-0	185	11/11/94	So./So.	SQ	Santa Clarita (Notre Dame)
31	VAINUKU, Soma	FB	6-0	270	5/28/92	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Eureka (Eureka)
34	TUCKER, Olajuwon	ILB	6-3	220	7/30/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Harbor City (Serra)
35	ALBARADO, Kris	P	5-10	200	10/20/92	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Lake Charles, LA (St. Louis)
36	HARDING, Joe	S	5-10	180	5/26/95	Fr./Fr.	—	San Marino (Loyola)
37	ALLEN, Javorius	TB	6-1	220	8/27/91	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Tallahassee, FL (Lincoln)
37	LOPES, Matt	S	5-11	180	5/12/95	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Palos Verdes Estates (Palos Verdes)
38	PINNER, Jahleel	FB	5-11	235	10/25/93	Jr./Jr.	2V	Rancho Santa Margarita (Mission Viejo)
38	JONES, Jalen	CB	5-8	155	2/10/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Los Angeles (Serra)
39	BOERMEESTER, Matt	PK	6-0	185	4/29/94	So./So.	JC	San Diego (Cathedral Catholic/ Saddleback JC)
39	WOOD, Alex	PK	5-10	175	11/11/93	So.*/Jr.	1V	Mercer Island, WA (Mercer Island)
40	RUFFIN, Jabari	OLB	6-3	240	9/14/94	So.*/Jr.	1V	Downey (Downey)
40	HART, Pat	FB	6-0	240	9/25/94	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Burridge, IL (Fenwick)
41	DOOLEY, Rob	S	6-1	195	8/1/93	So.*/Jr.	1V	Chicago, IL (Loyola Academy)
42	NWOSU, Uchenna	OLB-ILB	6-3	210	12/28/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Carson (Narbonne)
44	DORTON, Malik	OLB	6-2	250	5/23/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Los Angeles (St. John Bosco)
44	GUZMAN, Christian	WR	6-3	220	1/14/94	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Desert Hot Springs (Desert Hot Springs/ Mt. San Antonio JC)
45	BURKS, Charles	OLB	5-11	225	4/10/93	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Costa Mesa (Edison)
46	SCHMIDT, Wyatt	PK-P	6-3	205	12/25/94	Fr./Fr.	—	Inver Grove Heights, MN (St. Thomas Academy)
46	BUDROVICH, Reid	PK	6-0	180	5/1/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Torrance (St. John Bosco)
47	FELIX, Scott	OLB	6-2	230	11/22/93	So.*/Jr.	2V	Norco (Norco)

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47	SAREM, Brett	FB	6-0	225	8/2/95	Fr./Fr.	—	San Diego (Cathedral Catholic)
48	HEIDARI, Andre	PK	5-11	220	7/12/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Bakersfield (Stockdale)
48	BASALARI, Jack	P	5-11	175	12/2/94	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Pasadena (Marantha)
49	SPEARS, Connor	TE	6-6	240	1/24/95	So./So.	TR	Dakota Dunes, SD (Bishop Heelan/ Columbia)
49	MILLER, Matt	ILB	6-1	225	4/3/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Southlake, TX (Carroll)
50	LOBENDAHN, Toa	OG	6-3	280	2/14/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Cerritos (La Habra)
50	MOORE, Grant	ILB	6-1	220	2/8/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Santa Ana (Mater Dei)
51	MAMA, Damien	OG	6-5	370	6/27/95	Fr./Fr.	—	Bellflower (St. John Bosco)
51	FOY, Joel	ILB	6-2	215	6/13/94	Fr.*/So.	TR	Anaheim (Servite/Air Force)
52	SIMMONS, Delvon	DT	6-5	295	11/30/92	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	McKeesport, PA (McKeesport/ Texas Tech)
53	MOORE, Alex	ILB	6-2	220	3/12/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Newport Beach (Corona del Mar)
54	PETERS, Reuben	ILB	6-1	220	10/25/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Westchester (Loyola)
55	DAWSON, Lamar	ILB	6-1	230	9/22/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Junction City, KY (Boyle County)
56	SARAO, Anthony	ILB	6-0	220	4/29/93	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Egg Harbor Township, NJ (Holy Spirit)
56	AUSTIN, Jordan	OT	6-5	280	5/4/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Claremont (Claremont)
57	SCHLOSSBERG, Nick	ILB	6-0	215	11/1/93	So.*/Jr.	SQ	San Diego (La Jolla Country Day)
58	TAVAI, J.R.	OLB	6-2	250	9/23/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Redondo Beach (Mira Costa)
59	HILL, Don	OLB	6-3	245	1/4/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Boise, ID (Timberline)
60	TALAMAIVAO, Viane C	6-3	330	12/13/95		Fr./Fr.	—	Moreno Valley (Centennial)
61	McBRIDE, Peter	SNP	6-1	215	7/26/93	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Scottsdale, AZ (Chaparral)
62	RODGERS, Khaliel	OG	6-3	315	1/12/94	Fr.*/So.	SQ	New Castle, DE (Eastern Christian Academy)
63	Di POALO, Giovanni	C	6-4	280	6/16/91	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Ventura (St. Bonaventure)
64	WENZEL, Richie	C	6-2	280	2/10/95	Fr./Fr.	—	Chevy Chase, MD (Our Lady of Good Counsel)
65	JEPSEN, Erick	OG	6-2	295	12/31/92	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Moreno Valley (La Quinta)
67	BASSLER, Quinn	OT	6-6	280	5/22/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Newport Beach (Corona del Mar)
68	SIMMONS, Jordan	OG	6-4	350	7/15/94	So.*/Jr.	1V	Inglewood (Crespi)
70	WALKER, Aundrey	OG	6-6	315	1/15/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Cleveland, OH (Glenville)
72	WHEELER, Chad	OT	6-7	280	1/19/94	So.*/Jr.	1V	Santa Monica (Santa Monica)
73	BANNER, Zach	OT	6-9	350	12/25/93	So.*/Jr.	1V	Tacoma, WA (Lakes)
74	FALAH, Nico	OT	6-4	285	1/6/95	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Hermosa Beach (St. John Bosco)
75	TUERK, Max	C	6-6	285	1/27/94	Jr./Jr.	2V	Trabuco Canyon (Santa Margarita)
76	GUERTLER, Nathan	OT	6-5	270	1/13/93	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Norco (Norco)
77	BROWN, Chris	OT	6-5	295	4/26/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Los Angeles (Loyola)
79	MILLER, Jeff	DE	6-1	245	4/27/94	So.*/Jr.	1V	Southlake, TX (Carroll)
82	TELFER, Randall	TE	6-4	260	5/16/92	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Rancho Cucamonga (Rancho Cucamonga)
83	KATRIB, George	WR	6-0	185	2/17/94	Jr./Jr.	2V	Diamond Bar (Diamond Bar)
84	MINOR, Aaron	WR	6-2	200	11/25/95	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Lakewood (Mayfair)
86	KOLANZ, Robby	WR	5-10	170	4/14/94	So.*/Jr.	1V	Palos Verdes Estates (Palos Verdes)
87	WILLSON, Chris	TE	6-5	250	11/8/91	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	West Covina(St. Paul/Wake Forest)
88	COPE-FITZPATRICK, Jalen	TE	6-4	250	4/14/94	Jr./Jr.	2V	Rocklin (Whitney)
90	PELON, Claude	DT	6-4	295	11/27/92	Jr.*/Sr.	TR	Orlando, FL (Agape Christian Academy/Mesa CC)
91	BAKER, Teddy	DE-TE	6-4	265	6/22/91	Sr.*/Sr.	TR	Longmeadow, MA (Loomis Chaffee/ Connecticut/Wesleyan)
92	SMITH, Zach	SNP	6-1	210	6/3/95	So./So.	1V	Redwood City (Menlo School)
93	TOWNSEND JR., Greg	DE	6-3	275	12/11/92	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Los Angeles (Beverly Hills)
94	WILLIAMS, Leonard	DE	6-5	300	6/20/94	Jr./Jr.	2V	Daytona Beach, FL (Mainland)
95	BIGELOW, Kenny	DT	6-3	310	3/31/95	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Elkton, MD (Eastern Christian Academy)
96	AUGELLO, Joey	DT	6-0	290	5/17/94	Jr./Jr.	1V	Rolling Hills Estates (Peninsula/ Los Angeles Harbor JC)
97	BRADLEY, Christian	DE	6-2	210	11/12/94	Jr./Jr.	TR	Van Nuys (Campbell Hall/ Cal Lutheran)
98	TEMPLE, Cody	DT	6-2	310	12/29/92	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Bakersfield (Liberty)
99	WOODS, Antwaun	DT	6-1	325	1/3/93	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Los Angeles (Taft)

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No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Birthday	Cl.(Ath/Ac)	Exp.	Hometown (High School/JC/College)
15	AGHOLOR, Nelson	WR	6-1	190	5/24/93	Jr./Jr.	2V	Tampa, FL (Berkeley Prep)
35	ALBARADO, Kris	P	5-10	200	10/20/92	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Lake Charles, LA (St. Louis)
37	ALLEN, Javorius	TB	6-1	220	8/27/91	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Tallahassee, FL (Lincoln)
96	AUGELLO, Joey	DT	6-0	290	5/17/94	Jr./Jr.	1V	Rolling Hills Estates (Peninsula/ Los Angeles Harbor JC)
56	AUSTIN, Jordan	OT	6-5	280	5/4/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Claremont (Claremont)
91	BAKER, Teddy	DE-TE	6-4	265	6/22/91	Sr.*/Sr.	TR	Longmeadow, MA (Loomis Chaffee/ Connecticut/Wesleyan)
73	BANNER, Zach	OT	6-9	350	12/25/93	So.*/Jr.	1V	Tacoma, WA (Lakes)
48	BASALARI, Jack	P	5-11	175	12/2/94	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Pasadena (Marantha)
67	BASSLER, Quinn	OT	6-6	280	5/22/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Newport Beach (Corona del Mar)
95	BIGELOW, Kenny	DT	6-3	310	3/31/95	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Elkton, MD (Eastern Christian Academy)
39	BOERMEESTER, Matt	PK	6-0	185	4/29/94	So./So.	JC	San Diego (Cathedral Catholic/ Saddleback JC)
27	BOWMAN, Gerald	S	6-0	205	10/31/89	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Philadelphia, PA (Imhotep/ Los Angeles Pierce JC)
15	BOWMAN, Michael	QB	6-4	200	3/25/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Pasadena (Pasadena Poly)
97	BRADLEY, Christian	DE	6-2	210	11/12/94	Jr./Jr.	TR	Van Nuys (Campbell Hall/ Cal Lutheran)
17	BRIDGFORD, Alex	QB	6-3	190	4/16/94	So.*/Jr.	TR	Mission Viejo (Mission Viejo/ Redlands)
77	BROWN, Chris	OT	6-5	295	4/26/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Los Angeles (Loyola)
4	BROWNE, Max	QB	6-5	220	2/2/95	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Sammamish, WA (Skyline)
46	BUDROVICH, Reid	PK	6-0	180	5/1/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Torrance (St. John Bosco)
45	BURKS, Charles	OLB	5-11	225	4/10/93	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Costa Mesa (Edison)
29	CARRASCO, Kevin	CB	6-0	185	11/11/94	So./So.	SQ	Santa Clarita (Notre Dame)
88	COPE-FITZPATRICK, Jalen	TE	6-4	250	4/14/94	Jr./Jr.	2V	Rocklin (Whitney)
21	CRAVENS, Su'a	S	6-1	225	7/7/95	So./So.	1V	Los Angeles (Vista Murrieta)
22	DAVIS, Justin	TB	6-1	195	11/11/95	So./So.	1V	Stockton (Lincoln)
55	DAWSON, Lamar	ILB	6-1	230	9/22/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Junction City, KY (Boyle County)
28	DILLARD, Ryan	CB	5-9	185	3/25/94	Jr./Jr.	2V	Buford, GA (Buford)
63	Di POALO, Giovanni	C	6-4	280	6/16/91	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	Ventura (St. Bonaventure)
13	DIXON, Bryce	TE	6-4	240	7/26/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Oxnard (St. Bonaventure)
41	DOOLEY, Rob	S	6-1	195	8/1/93	So.*/Jr.	1V	Chicago, IL (Loyola Academy)
44	DORTON, Malik	OLB	6-2	250	5/23/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Los Angeles (St. John Bosco)
74	FALAH, Nico	OT	6-4	285	1/6/95	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Hermosa Beach (St. John Bosco)
8	FARMER, George	WR	6-1	220	7/4/93	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Los Angeles (Serra)
47	FELIX, Scott	OLB	6-2	230	11/22/93	So.*/Jr.	2V	Norco (Norco)
51	FOY, Joel	ILB	6-2	215	6/13/94	Fr.*/So.	TR	Anaheim (Servite/Air Force)
10	GREENE, Jalen	QB	6-2	200	6/13/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Inglewood (Serra)
76	GUERTLER, Nathan	OT	6-5	270	1/13/93	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Norco (Norco)
44	GUZMAN, Christian	WR	6-3	220	1/14/94	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Desert Hot Springs (Desert Hot Springs/ Mt. San Antonio JC)
36	HARDING, Joe	S	5-10	180	5/26/95	Fr./Fr.	—	San Marino (Loyola)
18	HARRIS, Ajene	WR	5-11	180	6/1/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Los Angeles (Crenshaw)
40	HART, Pat	FB	6-0	240	9/25/94	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Burridge, IL (Fenwick)
4	HAWKINS, Chris	CB	5-11	185	3/11/95	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Rancho Cucamonga (Rancho Cucamonga)
48	HEIDARI, Andre	PK	5-11	220	7/12/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Bakersfield (Stockdale)
59	HILL, Don	OLB	6-3	245	1/4/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Boise, ID (Timberline)
19	HUTCHINGS, Michael	ILB	6-1	210	3/27/95	So./So.	1V	Antioch (De La Salle)
2	JACKSON, Adoree'	CB-WR	5-11	185	9/18/95	Fr./Fr.	—	Belleville, IL (Serra)
65	JEPSEN, Erick	OG	6-2	295	12/31/92	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Moreno Valley (La Quinta)
14	JOHNSON, Rahshead	WR-CB	5-11	175	9/29/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Compton (Cabrillo)
38	JONES, Jalen	CB	5-8	155	2/10/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Los Angeles (Serra)
83	KATRIB, George	WR	6-0	185	2/17/94	Jr./Jr.	2V	Diamond Bar (Diamond Bar)
6	KESSLER, Cody	QB	6-1	210	5/11/93	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Bakersfield (Centennial)
86	KOLANZ, Robby	WR	5-10	170	4/14/94	So.*/Jr.	1V	Palos Verdes Estates (Palos Verdes)
50	LOBENDAHN, Toa	OG	6-3	280	2/14/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Cerritos (La Habra)
23	LOCKETT, Jonathan	CB	5-11	175	4/18/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Bellflower (Mater Dei)
37	LOPES, Matt	S	5-11	180	5/12/95	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Palos Verdes Estates (Palos Verdes)
23	MADDEN, Tre	TB	6-1	225	8/16/93	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Aliso Viejo (Mission Viejo)
51	MAMA, Damien	OG	6-5	370	6/27/95	Fr./Fr.	—	Bellflower (St. John Bosco)
61	McBRIDE, Peter	SNP	6-1	215	7/26/93	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Scottsdale, AZ (Chaparral)
22	McQUAY III, Leon	S	6-1	185	11/21/94	So./So.	1V	Seffner, FL (Armwood)
27	MELLSTROM, David	WR	6-0	180	1/1/93	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Round Hill, VA (Loudoun Valley/ Virginia Tech)
79	MILLER, Jeff	DE	6-1	245	4/27/94	So.*/Jr.	1V	Southlake, TX (Carroll)

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49	MILLER, Matt	ILB	6-1	225	4/3/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Southlake, TX (Carroll)
84	MINOR, Aaron	WR	6-2	200	11/25/95	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Lakewood (Mayfair)
7	MITCHELL, Steven	WR	5-10	185	5/2/94	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Pasadena (Bishop Alemany)
53	MOORE, Alex	ILB	6-2	220	3/12/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Newport Beach (Corona del Mar)
50	MOORE, Grant	ILB	6-1	220	2/8/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Santa Ana (Mater Dei)
16	NEYER, Anthony	QB	6-2	205	9/3/92	Sr.*/Sr.	SQ	Palm Desert (Xavier College Prep/ USC/Los Angeles Pierce JC/Idaho)
26	NUNNERY, Davonte	S	5-11	210	10/12/95	Fr./Fr.	—	Oxnard (St. Bonaventure)
42	NWOSU, Uchenna	OLB-ILB	6-3	210	12/28/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Carson (Narbonne)
90	PELON, Claude	DT	6-4	295	11/27/92	Jr.*/Sr.	TR	Orlando, FL (Agape Christian Academy/Mesa CC)
54	PETERS, Reuben	ILB	6-1	220	10/25/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Westchester (Loyola)
38	PINNER, Jahleel	FB	5-11	235	10/25/93	Jr./Jr.	2V	Rancho Santa Margarita (Mission Viejo)
24	PLATTENBURG, John	S-CB	5-11	180	1/10/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Houston, TX (Lamar)
18	POWELL, Quinton	OLB	6-2	200	10/25/93	So./So.	1V	Deltona, FL (Mainland)
10	PULLARD, Hayes	ILB	6-1	235	4/18/92	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Inglewood (Crenshaw)
62	RODGERS, Khaliel	OG	6-3	315	1/12/94	Fr.*/So.	SQ	New Castle, DE (Eastern Christian Academy)
1	ROGERS, Darreus	WR	6-1	215	9/3/93	So./So.	1V	Compton (Carson)
40	RUFFIN, Jabari	OLB	6-3	240	9/14/94	So.*/Jr.	1V	Downey (Downey)
56	SARAO, Anthony	ILB	6-0	220	4/29/93	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Egg Harbor Township, NJ (Holy Spirit)
47	SAREM, Brett	FB	6-0	225	8/2/95	Fr./Fr.	—	San Diego (Cathedral Catholic)
57	SCHLOSSBERG, Nick	ILB	6-0	215	11/1/93	So.*/Jr.	SQ	San Diego (La Jolla Country Day)
46	SCHMIDT, Wyatt	PK-P	6-3	205	12/25/94	Fr./Fr.	—	Inver Grove Heights, MN (St. Thomas Academy)
13	SEYMOUR, Kevon	CB	6-0	185	11/30/93	Jr./Jr.	2V	Pasadena (Muir)
6	SHAW, Josh	CB-S	6-1	200	3/27/92	Sr.*/Sr.	2V	Palmdale (Palmdale/Florida)
17	SHELTON, Devian	CB	6-1	180	1/19/93	So.*/Jr.	1V	Inglewood (Inglewood)
52	SIMMONS, Delvon	DT	6-5	295	11/30/92	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	McKeesport, PA (McKeesport/ Texas Tech)
68	SIMMONS, Jordan	OG	6-4	350	7/15/94	So.*/Jr.	1V	Inglewood (Crespi)
25	SIMMONS, Lamont	CB	6-2	185	10/7/95	Fr./Fr.	—	Jacksonville, FL (Raines)
9	SMITH, JuJu	WR-S	6-2	210	11/22/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Long Beach (Poly)
24	SMITH, Stefan	TB	6-1	195	1/11/97	Fr./Fr.	—	San Marino (Flintridge Prep)
92	SMITH, Zach	SNP	6-1	210	6/3/95	So./So.	1V	Redwood City (Menlo School)
49	SPEARS, Connor	TE	6-6	240	1/24/95	So./So.	TR	Dakota Dunes, SD (Bishop Heelan/ Columbia)
14	SULLIVAN, Conner	QB	6-0	195	6/17/92	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Orange (Orange Lutheran)
60	TALAMAIVAO, Viane C	6-3	330	12/13/95		Fr./Fr.	—	Moreno Valley (Centennial)
58	TAVAI, J.R.	OLB	6-2	250	9/23/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Redondo Beach (Mira Costa)
82	TELFER, Randall	TE	6-4	260	5/16/92	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Rancho Cucamonga (Rancho Cucamonga)
98	TEMPLE, Cody	DT	6-2	310	12/29/92	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Bakersfield (Liberty)
28	TOBER, Christian	WR	5-8	175	11/13/93	Jr./Jr.	1V	San Clemente (San Clemente)
26	TOLAND IV, James	TB	5-11	185	12/29/94	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Indio (Shadow Hills)
93	TOWNSEND JR., Greg	DE	6-3	275	12/11/92	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Los Angeles (Beverly Hills)
34	TUCKER, Olajuwon	ILB	6-3	220	7/30/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Harbor City (Serra)
75	TUERK, Max	C	6-6	285	1/27/94	Jr./Jr.	2V	Trabuco Canyon (Santa Margarita)
19	TUILETA, Larry	QB	6-2	200	9/24/95	Fr./Fr.	—	Honolulu, HI (Punahou)
31	VAINUKU, Soma	FB	6-0	270	5/28/92	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Eureka (Eureka)
70	WALKER, Aundrey	OG	6-6	315	1/15/93	Sr./Sr.	3V	Cleveland, OH (Glenville)
64	WENZEL, Richie	C	6-2	280	2/10/95	Fr./Fr.	—	Chevy Chase, MD (Our Lady of Good Counsel)
72	WHEELER, Chad	OT	6-7	280	1/19/94	So.*/Jr.	1V	Santa Monica (Santa Monica)
94	WILLIAMS, Leonard	DE	6-5	300	6/20/94	Jr./Jr.	2V	Daytona Beach, FL (Mainland)
87	WILLSON, Chris	TE	6-5	250	11/8/91	Sr.*/Sr.	1V	West Covina(St. Paul/Wake Forest)
39	WOOD, Alex	PK	5-10	175	11/11/93	So.*/Jr.	1V	Mercer Island, WA (Mercer Island)
99	WOODS, Antwaun	DT	6-1	325	1/3/93	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Los Angeles (Taft)
8	ZOLINTAKIS, Andrew	QB	6-0	170	2/27/96	Fr./Fr.	—	Lafayette (Campolindo)

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(15) NELSON AGHOLOR
Wide Receiver, 6-1, 190, Jr./Jr., Tampa, FL (Berkeley Prep HS)

CAREER: He has 172 catches for 2,481 yards (14.4 avg) with 19 TDs in his career, along with 36 punt returns for 534 yards (14.8 avg) with a school-record 4 TDs and 24 kickoff returns for 443 yards (18.5 avg). He has 3,476 all-purpose yards on 238 plays (14.6 avg) with 23 TDs in his career. He is ninth on USC's career receptions list (172) and seventh on USC's career punt returns chart (534 yards). He is the only Trojan to rank among USC's career Top 10 receivers and Top 7 punt returners. He is the 12th Trojan to have 2,000 receiving yards in a career (he has 2,481). He has 8 100-yard receiving games in his career, including 2 for 200 yards. He is tied with Keyshawn Johnson, Dwayne Jarrett, Robert Woods and Marqise Lee for the most 200-yard receiving games in a career with 2. He has 29 career starts.

2014: Agholor, one of college football's most exciting wide receivers and returners, excelled in both roles as a junior in 2014. Overall in 2014 while starting all 12 games, he had a team-best 97 receptions for a team-best 1,223 yards (12.6 avg) with 11 TDs, plus 18 punt returns for 191 yards (10.6 avg) with 2 TDs, 9 kickoff returns for 147 yards (16.3 avg), 3 carries for 3 yards (1.0 avg) and 1 tackle.

He was named to the **2014 CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American first team (and third team as a punt returner), AP All-American third team, Athlon All-American third team and SI.com All-American honorable mention**. He made the **2014 All-Pac-12 first team,** as well as the **ESPN.com All-Pac-12 first team, Athlon All-Pac-12 first team (and second team as a punt returner) and CollegeSportsMadness.com All-Pac-12 first team (and second team as a punt returner)**. He was among 10 **semifinalists for the Biletnikoff Award**. He won **USC's Offensive Perimeter Player of the Year Award**. He is third nationally in punt return TDs (2, second in Pac-12), eighth in both receptions (8.1, third in Pac-12) and in receiving TDs (11, third in Pac-12), 11th in receiving yards (101.9, second in Pac-12) and 19th in punt returns (10.6, second in Pac-12). Against Power 5 opponents, he is sixth nationally in total receptions (80), sixth in total receiving yards (1,046) and 15th in total all-purpose yards (1,344). His 200-yard receiving games versus Washington State and California in 2014 not only was the first time in a season that a Trojan has had a pair of 200-yard games but was the first time in USC history that a receiver has had consecutive 200-yard outings. His 97 receptions in 2014 is fourth on USC's season list.

He had 2 TDs (10 and 5 yards) among his 5 receptions for 57 yards against Fresno State (he also returned 3 kickoffs for 43 yards. He had a career-high 9 catches for 91 yards and returned 2 kickoffs for 34 yards at Stanford. He equaled his career best with 9 catches at Boston College for 64 yards with 1 TD and he also returned 3 kickoffs for 81 yards. Against Oregon State, he had 3 grabs for 27 yards and 2 punt returns for 12 yards. He had a team-high 9 catches for 85 yards against Arizona State and returned 3 punts for 58 yards, including a 53-yard TD to tie the USC career record of 3, to earn **College Football Performance Awards National Punt Returner of the Week** honors. He had a game-high 7 receptions for 81 yards, with a 21-yard TD, at Arizona and he returned 2 punts for 26 yards and had a 17-yard kickoff return. He had 6 catches for 128 yards with 3 TDs (16, 18 and 75 yards), 2 kickoff returns for 36 yards and a 14-yard punt return against Colorado. He caught a career-high 10 passes for 110 yards and also had a 1-yard run and a tackle at Utah. At Washington State, he had 8 catches for a career-best 220 yards with a career-long 87-yard TD and he returned 2 punts for 71 yards, including a 65-yard TD to give him a USC career record of 4 scoring punt returns, to earn **Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll and College Football Performance Awards National Punt Returner of the Week** notice. He had a career-best 16 receptions for 216 yards with 2 TDs against California (he had 8 catches for 120 yards in the first quarter and 13 for 177 by halftime), 1 catch shy of the USC game record and tied for fourth most ever in the Pac-12 (it was the first time in USC history that a receiver had consecutive 200-yard outings and the first time in a season that a Trojan had a pair of 200-yard games, plus it tied Agholor with Keyshawn Johnson, Dwayne Jarrett, Robert Woods and Marqise Lee for the most 200-yard receiving games in a career with 2) to earn **Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week, College Football Performance Awards National Wide Receiver of the Week and College Sports Madness Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week**. He had 3 catches for 24 yards and returned 3 punts for minus 5 yards at UCLA. He had 12 catches for 120 yards with a 14-yard TD against Notre Dame.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2012 (Fr.)…	19	340	17.9	2	76	1	7	7.0	0	7
2013 (So.)…	56	918	16.4	6	62	2	8	4.0	0	13
2014 (Jr.)…	97	1223	12.6	11	87	3	3	1.0	0	4
CAREER……	172	2481	14.4	19	87	6	18	3.0	0	13

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2012 (Fr.)…	0	0	0.0	0	0	5	121	24.2	0	37
2013 (So.)…	18	343	19.1	2	93	10	175	17.5	0	25
2014 (Jr.)…	18	191	10.6	2	65	9	147	16.3	0	21
CAREER	36	534	14.8	4	93	24	443	18.5	0	37

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2012 (Fr.)…	4	0/0	0	1
2013 (So.)…	1	0/0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)…	1	0/0	0	0
CAREER……	6	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH NELSON AGHOLOR

2014

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	5	57	11.4	2	34	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	9	91	10.1	0	29	0	0	0.0	0	0
Bost. Coll.*	9	64	7.1	1	19	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ore. St.*	3	27	9.0	0	15	1	-2	-2.0	0	-2
Arizona St.*	9	85	9.4	0	24	1	4	4.0	0	4
Arizona*	7	81	11.6	1	25	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	6	128	21.3	3	75	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	10	110	11.0	0	28	1	1	1.0	0	1
Wash. St.*	8	220	27.5	1	87	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	16	216	13.5	2	36	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	3	24	8.0	0	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	12	120	10.0	1	14	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)…	97	1223	12.6	11	87	3	3	1.0	0	4

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	0	0	0.0	0	0	3	43	14.3	0	19
Stanford*	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	34	17.0	0	20
Bost. Coll.*	5	15	3.0	0	11	1	17	17.0	0	17
Ore. St.*	2	12	6.0	0	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	3	58	19.3	1	53	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	2	26	13.0	0	26	1	17	17.0	0	17
Colorado*	1	14	14.0	0	14	2	36	18.8	0	21
Utah*	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.*	2	71	35.5	1	65	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	3	-5	-1.7	0	10	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)…	18	191	10.6	2	65	9	147	16.3	0	21

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WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT NELSON AGHOLOR

Kyle Bonagura, ESPN.com: **"On a team that featured 2012 Biletnikoff winner Marqise Lee, Agholor was simply the better receiver in 2013 and his value to the Trojans stretched further than that because of how he could impact games as a return man… Agholor has developed a reputation for being an NFL-caliber route runner and is among the nation's most dangerous receivers after the catch."**

Paul Myerberg, USA Today Sports: **"Agholor will become the focal point of USC's passing game, working in concert with a second-year starting quarterback and putting up some of the strongest totals of any pass-catcher in college football…He'll be an All-American in some capacity – either as a receiver or return man."**

Michael Lev, Orange County Register: **"Agholor is one of the Trojans' best players and one of their hardest workers. That's always a desirable combination. It's also one of the ways in which Agholor is similar to his go-to-guy predecessors at USC, Robert Woods and Marqise Lee."**

Gabriel Baumgaertner, Sports Illustrated: **"Agholor is a shifty, savvy receiver who has the ability to needle through cramped openings. When he hits the open field, he practically vanishes."**

Steve Addazio, Boston College head coach: **"Nelson Agholor is exceptional. He's a game-breaker."**

Bucky Brooks, NFL.com media analyst: **"The Trojans have churned out a number of NFL receivers over the past decade, but Agholor has a chance to be one of the best to come out of USC since Keyshawn Johnson. He is a natural route runner with outstanding ball skills and hands. Additionally, Agholor is a sneaky runner with a knack for turning short passes into big gains due to his underrated kick-return skills."**

(35) KRIS ALBARADO
Punter, 5-10, 200, Jr.*/Sr., Lake Charles, LA (St. Louis HS)

CAREER: He averages 38.9 yards on his 132 career punts, with 42 pinning opponents within the 20 and 18 traveling at least 50 yards.

2014: Albarado, known for his accuracy in placing punts deep in opponents' territory, was USC's starting punter for his second season as a junior in 2014. He averaged 41.6 yards on his 53 punts in 2014, with 15 pinning opponents within the 20 (28.3%) and 14 traveling at least 50 yards. Only 4 of his 53 punts were touchbacks. He also made a tackle in 2014.

He did not have to punt in the Fresno State opener. He averaged 47.8 yards on 4 punts and had a tackle at Stanford. He averaged 37.5 yards on a career-high 10 punts at Boston College, with 1 pinning BC within the 20. Against Oregon State, he averaged 40.5 yards on his 6 punts, with 4 pinning the Beavers within the 20 and 2 traveling 50-plus yards. Against Arizona State, he averaged 59.5 yards on his 2 punts (with a career-long 65-yarder). At Arizona, he averaged 38.8 yards on his 6 punts (2 pinned Arizona within the 20). He averaged 36.2 yards on 5 punts against Colorado, with 2 pinning the Buffaloes within the 20. At Utah, he averaged 50.2 yards on his 5 punts, with 3 traveling 50-plus yards. At Washington State, he averaged 41.2 yards on 5 punts, with 2 pinning the Cougars within the 20 and 1 traveling 50-plus yards. Against California, he averaged 36.7 yards on 3 punts. At UCLA, he averaged 43.2 yards on his 6 punts with 3 pinning the Bruins within the 20 and 2 traveling at least 50 yards. Against Notre Dame, his only punt pinned ND within the 20.

	P	YDS	AVG	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2013 (So.)…	79	2928	37.1	64	2	0/0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)…	53	2204	41.6	65	1	0/0	0	0
CAREER…….	132	5132	38.9	65	3	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH KRIS ALBARADO

2014

	P	YDS	AVG	LG
Stanford*	4	191	47.8	55
Bost. Coll.*	10	375	37.5	54
Ore. St.*	6	243	40.5	57
Arizona St.*	2	119	59.5	65
Arizona*	6	233	38.8	48
Colorado*	5	181	36.2	44
Utah*	5	251	50.2	61
Wash. St.*	5	206	41.2	52
California*	3	110	36.7	43
UCLA*	6	259	43.2	52
Notre Dame*	1	36	36.0	36
2014 (Jr.)…	53	2204	41.6	65

	P	WITHIN 20	50+ YARDS
Stanford*	4	0	1
Bost. Coll*	10	1	3
Ore. St.*	6	4	2
Arizona St.*	2	0	2
Arizona*	6	2	0
Colorado*	5	2	0
Utah*	5	0	3
Wash. St.*	5	2	1
California*	3	0	0
UCLA*	6	3	2
Notre Dame*	1	1	0
2014 (Jr.)…	53	15	14

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(37) JAVORIUS ALLEN
Tailback, 6-1, 220, Jr.*/Sr., Tallahassee, FL (Lincoln HS)

CAREER: In his career, he has 2,154 yards on 391 carries (5.5 avg) with 23 TDs, plus 62 receptions for 694 yards (11.2 avg) with 2 TD. His 2,154 rushing yards rank 15th on USC's all-time chart (he is the 18th Trojan to have 2,000 career rushing yards). He has 12 career 100-yard rushing games, all within the past 18 games. He has 23 career rushing TDs (9 in 2014), all within the past 21 games. He has 16 career starts.

2014: Allen proved to be one of the nation's top tailbacks as a junior in 2014. Overall in 2014 while starting all 12 games, he had 250 carries for a team-best 1,337 yards (5.3 avg) with 9 TDs, plus 40 receptions for 442 yards (11.1 avg) with 1 TD.

He made the **CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American third team**. He made the **2014 All-Pac-12 first team, as well as the Athlon All-Pac-12 first team and CollegeSportsMadness.com All-Pac-12 first team**. He was among 10 **semifinalists for the 2014 Doak Walker Award** and 20 **semifinalists for the Maxwell Award**. He won **USC's Jack Oakie "Rise and Shine" Award** (longest run from scrimmage). He is 14th nationally in all-purpose running (148.3, first in Pac-12) and 23rd in rushing yards (111.4, fourth in Pac-12). He is attempting to be the first Trojan since Ricky Ervins in 1989 to lead the Pac-12 in rushing in a season. His 1,337 rushing yards in 2014 is the 28th time a Trojan has eclipsed the 1,000 barrier, it ranks him 15th on the USC season list and it is the most by a Trojan since Reggie Bush had 1,740 in 2005 (Bush's statistics were later vacated due to NCAA penalty). With 8 100-yard rushing games in 2014 (including a 200-yarder), he is the first Trojan since Reggie Bush (8) in 2005 to have at least that many 100-yarders in a season (Bush's statistics were later vacated due to NCAA penalty). He had a streak of 6 consecutive 100-yard rushing games in 2014 (the first Trojan to do so since Marcus Allen had 11 in a row in his 1981 Heisman Trophy season). His 250 carries in 2014 are the most by a Trojan since Chad Morton had 262 in 1999. He is 1 of only 3 players in the nation with at least 1,300 rushing yards and 400 receiving yards in 2014. He also is the only player in the nation with 12 games of 100-plus yards from scrimmage (rushing and receiving) in 2014 (he has 15 consecutive such games dating to 2013). His 1,779 yards from scrimmage is sixth nationally. Against Power 5 opponents, he is eighth nationally in all-purpose yards (1,513) and 12th in rushing yards (1,111). He has been USC's reception leader in 3 games in 2014. His 40 receptions in 2014 are the most by a Trojan running back since Reggie Bush had 43 in 2004 (Bush's statistics were later vacated due to NCAA penalty).

He ran for a game-high 133 yards on 22 carries, with a 9-yard score, and he added a 23-yard reception against Fresno State. He had a game-best 154 yards on 23 carries (a 6.7 average per carry) at Stanford to hit the 1,000-yard career rushing mark. He ran for 31 yards on 15 carries and caught 9 passes for 118 yards (both career bests) with a 51-yard TD grab at Boston College. He led USC in rushing (game-high 115 yards on 20 carries with a 17-yard TD) and receptions (5 grabs for 23 yards) against Oregon State. He had 229 all-purpose yards against Arizona State, running for 143 yards on 29 carries with 2 TDs (1 and 53 yards) amd catching 4 passes for 86 yards. At Arizona, he ran for a career-high and game-best 205 yards on 26 carries (7.9 average) with 3 TDs (34, 48 and 1 yard) and he also caught 4 passes for 28 yards to earn **Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week and SEVEN Magazine Royal Purple Las Vegas Bowl Pac-12 Player of the Week** honors. He had a game-best 128 yards (with a 39-yard TD) on 15 carries and added a 12-yard reception against Colorado. He ran for 101 yards on 27 carries and caught 3 passes for another 26 yards at Utah. He had 114 yards on 19 carries and an 18-yard reception at Washington State. He had 60 yards on 21 carries and 4 receptions for 49 yards against California. He led USC in rushing (60 yards on 14 carries, with a short TD) and receiving (7 receptions for 42 yards) at UCLA. He ran for 93 yards on 19 carries and had a 17-yard reception against Notre Dame.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2012 (Fr.)…	6	32	5.3	0	14	0	0	0.0	0	0
2013 (So.)…	135	785	5.8	14	79	22	252	11.5	1	57
2014 (Jr.)…	250	1337	5.3	9	53	40	442	11.1	1	51
CAREER……	391	2154	5.5	23	79	62	694	11.2	2	57

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2013 (So.)…	2	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JAVORIUS ALLEN

2014

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	22	133	6.0	1	19	1	23	23.0	0	23
Stanford*	23	154	6.7	0	50	0	0	0.0	0	0
Bost. Coll.*	15	31	2.1	0	16	9	118	13.1	1	51
Ore. St.*	20	115	5.8	1	17	5	23	4.6	0	7
Arizona St.*	29	143	4.9	2	53	4	86	21.5	0	37
Arizona*	26	205	7.9	3	48	4	28	7.0	0	18
Colorado*	15	128	8.5	1	39	1	12	12.0	0	12
Utah*	27	101	3.7	0	13	3	26	8.7	0	15
Wash. St.*	19	114	9.7	0	19	1	18	18.0	0	18
California*	21	60	2.9	0	13	4	49	12.3	0	17
UCLA*	14	60	4.3	1	12	7	42	6.0	0	13
Notre Dame*	19	93	4.9	0	15	1	17	17.0	0	17
2014 (Jr.)…	250	1337	5.3	9	53	40	442	11.1	1	51

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(56) JORDAN AUSTIN
Offensive Tackle, 6-5, 280, Fr./Fr., Claremont, CA (Claremont HS)

2014: Austin, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2014 after graduating a semester early from high school, redshirted as a first-year freshman offensive tackle in 2014. He was sidelined all season after having pre-season surgery on both hips.

(73) ZACH BANNER
Offensive Tackle, 6-9, 350, So.*/Jr., Tacoma, WA (Lakes HS)

2014: Banner, who also played basketball at USC earlier in his career, started all of 2014 at right offensive tackle as a sophomore. He made **2014 CollegeFootballNews.com Sophomore All-American honorable mention.** He had 1 tackle in 2014.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (So.)...	1	0/0	0	0

(95) KENNY BIGELOW
Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 310, Fr.*/So., Elkton, MD
(Eastern Christian Academy)

2014: Bigelow, who was set to push for key playing time at nose tackle as a redshirt freshman in 2014, instead was sidelined all season after tearing knee ligaments a month prior to 2014 fall camp.

(39) MATT BOERMEESTER
Placekicker, 6-0, 185, So./So., San Diego, CA
(Cathedral Catholic HS/Saddleback JC)

2014: The left-footed Boermeester, who transferred to USC in the fall of 2014 from a junior college, redshirted as a sophomore placekicker in 2014. He was awarded a scholarship at USC by virtue of an NCAA rule known as "blueshirting" (it allows a non-recruited student-athlete to receive athletic financial aid after beginning practice and have that student-athlete count towards the next year's signing class if the school has reached its NCAA-maximum aid limit for the current year).

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Boermeester was named to the **2013 All-Southern California Football Association Southern Division second team** as a freshman placekicker at Saddleback Junior College in Mission Viejo (Calif.). He hit 11-of-13 field goals (with a long of 43 yards) and 43-of-48 PATs in 2013.

He did not play football in 2012, as he greyshirted (he did not enroll as a full-time college student).

HIGH SCHOOL: He played baseball at Cathedral Catholic High in San Diego (Calif.), helping his team win the 2012 CIF San Diego Division III title as a senior outfielder. Current Trojan Brett Sarem also prepped at Cathedral Catholic.

PERSONAL: He also played soccer as a youngster. His father, Peter, was a placekicker at UCLA (1977-78-79), where he still ranks ninth on the Bruins' career field goals list (31) and 19th in points scored (160, leading UCLA in scoring his last 2 seasons) and setting a school record for consecutive games with a field goal (15) as he earned 1978 All-Pac-10 first team honors, then playing with the Cleveland Browns in 1980.

(27) GERALD BOWMAN
Safety, 6-0, 205, Sr.*/Sr., Philadelphia, PA
(Imhotep HS/Los Angeles Pierce JC)

CAREER: He has 78 tackles (2.5 for losses, with a sack), 2 deflections and 3 interceptions in his career. He has 9 career starts.

2014: Bowman started at strong safety for most of his 2014 senior season. Overall in 2014 while appearing in 11 games (a foot injury suffered prior to the Utah game forced him out of that contest) and starting 9 (all but Utah, Washington State, UCLA), he had 67 tackles, including 2.5 for losses (with a sack), plus a team-best 2 interceptions and 2 deflections.

He had 5 tackles and an interception against Fresno State, then 10 tackles at Stanford and a team-best 7 tackles (1 for a loss) at Boston College. He had 4 tackles against Oregon State, 8 tackles against Arizona State, a team-high 9 tackles at Arizona and a tackle and a deflection against Colorado. He had a tackle at Washington State, 9 tackles (0.5 for loss) and a deflection against California, 6 tackles (with a sack) at UCLA and then 7 tackles and returned an interception 24 yards against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2012 (Jr.)...	11	0/0	0	0	1	19	19.0	0	19
2014 (Sr.)...	67	2.5/8	2	0	2	60	30.0	0	36
CAREER.....	78	2.5/8	2	0	3	79	26.3	0	36

GAME-BY-GAME WITH GERALD BOWMAN

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	5	0/0	0	0	1	36	36.0	0	36
Stanford*	10	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Bost. Coll.*	7	1/1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ore. St.*	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	8	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	9	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	1	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	9	0.5/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA	6	1/7	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	7	0/0	0	0	1	24	24.0	0	24
2014 (Sr.)...	67	2.5/8	2	0	2	60	30.0	0	36

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(77) CHRIS BROWN
Offensive Tackle, 6-5, 295, Fr./Fr., Los Angeles, CA (Loyola HS)

2014: Brown redshirted as a freshman offensive tackle at USC in 2014, his first year at USC.

(4) MAX BROWNE
Quarterback, 6-5, 220, Fr.*/So., Sammamish, WA (Skyline HS)

2014: Browne served as the No. 2 quarterback as a redshirt freshman in 2014. He won **USC's Co-Lifter of the Year Award**. Overall in 2014 while seeing brief action in 6 games (Fresno State, Oregon State, Colorado, Utah, Washington State, Notre Dame), he completed 3-of-7 passes (42.9%) for 30 yards. He played the entire fourth quarter against Fresno State and went 3-of-4 for 30 yards. He played the final series against Oregon State but did not throw a pass. He played all of the fourth quarter against Colorado but missed on his 2 pass attempts. He threw an incomplete pass at Utah. He played the last 2 series at Washington State but did not throw a pass. He played 4 snaps in the fourth quarter against Notre Dame but did not throw a pass.

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	7	3	0	.429	30	0	13	4	13	3.3	0	7

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MAX BROWNE

2014

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Fresno St.	4	3	0	.750	30	0	13
Colorado	2	0	0	.000	0	0	0
Utah	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0
2014 (Fr.)...	7	3	0	.429	30	0	13

(45) CHARLES BURKS
Outside Linebacker, 5-11, 225, Jr.*/Sr., Costa Mesa, CA (Edison HS)

CAREER: He has 4 tackles, including 2 sacks, in his career.

2014: Burks served as a backup outside linebacker and played on special teams as a junior in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 1 sack (at Washington State).

PERSONAL: He is a political science major at USC with a B average (3.15 GPA). He made **2014 Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention**, **2013 Pac-12 All-Academic first team** and **2012 Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention**. Some of his artwork was displayed at the 2012 "Artletics" on-campus exhibit that featured the works of USC student-athletes.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2013 (So.)...	3	1/7	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	1	1/6	0	0
CAREER.....	4	2/13	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CHARLES BURKS

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Wash. St.	1	1/6	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	1	1/6	0	0

(88) JALEN COPE-FITZPATRICK
Tight End, 6-4, 250, Jr./Jr., Rocklin, CA (Whitney HS)

CAREER: He has 3 catches for 16 yards (5.3 avg) in his career.

2014: Cope-Fitzpatrick, who hoped to get key playing time at tight end as a junior in 2014, instead sat out the season while academically ineligible.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2012 (Fr.)...	2	12	6.0	0	8
2013 (So.)...	1	4	4.0	0	4
CAREER.....	3	16	5.3	0	8

(21) SU'A CRAVENS
Safety-Outside Linebacker, 6-1, 225, So./So., Los Angeles, CA
(Vista Murrieta HS)

CAREER: He has 114 tackles, including 17.5 for losses (with 5 sacks), plus 9 deflections, 1 fumble recovery, 1 forced fumble, 6 interceptions (1 for a TD) in his career. He has 25 career starts.

2014: Cravens played a hybrid strong safety/strongside outside linebacker spot as a sophomore in 2014. Overall in 2014 while starting all 12 games, he had 62 tackles, including a team-best 16 for losses (with 5 sacks), plus 8 deflections, a team-best 2 interceptions (with 1 TD). He made the **2014 AP All-American third team, Athlon All-American third team and SI.com All-American honorable**

mention, as well as CollegeFootballNews.com Sophomore All-American first team. He made the **2014 All-Pac-12 first team, as well as the Athlon All-Pac-12 first team and CollegeSportsMadness.com All-Pac-12 first team**. He won **USC's Defensive Perimeter Player of the Year Award**. He is 19th nationally in tackles for loss (1.3, fourth in Pac-12). He has more tackles for loss (16) in 2014 than any defensive back in the nation.

He had 3 tackles and 2 deflections against Fresno State, 5 tackles and a deflection at Stanford and 5 tackles (3 for a loss) at Boston College. He returned an interception 31 yards for a touchdown to open the scoring against Oregon State and he also had a team-best 6 tackles, including 2 for losses (with his first career sack) to earn **Chuck Bednarik National Defensive Player of the Week** honors. He had 3.5 tackles for loss (with a sack) among his 5 tackles against Arizona State. At Arizona, he had 5 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection, then he added 2 tackles and an interception against Colorado, 7 tackles (including 2 sacks) and a deflection at Utah and 4 tackles (1 for a loss) and 2 deflections at Washington State before leaving after hurting his knee just before halftime. He had a team-best 10 tackles, with 1.5 for losses (including a sack), and a deflection against California, 4 tackles (1 for a loss) at UCLA and 6 tackles (1 for a loss) against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	52	1.5/4	1	1	4	54	13.5	0	54
2014 (So.)...	62	16/81	8	0	2	47	23.5	1	31
CAREER.....	114	17.5/85	9	1	6	101	16.8	1	54

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	1	33	33.0	0	33	1	1	1.0	0	1

GAME-BY-GAME WITH SU'A CRAVENS

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	3	0/0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	5	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Bost. Coll.*	5	3/12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ore. St.*	6	2/15	0	0	1	31	31.0	1	31
Arizona St.*	5	3.5/14	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	5	1/1	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	2	0/0	0	0	1	16	16.0	0	16
Utah*	7	2/22	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.*	4	1/3	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	10	1.5/9	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	4	1/3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	6	1/2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	62	16/81	8	0	2	47	23.5	1	31

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WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT SU'A CRAVENS

Rahshaun Haylock, Fox Sports West: **"Su'a Cravens may be the best sophomore safety in the country."**

Dan Greenspan, NFL.com: **"If you don't know the name Su'a Cravens yet, you will soon enough."**

Paul Myerberg, USA Today Sports: **"I think Su'a Cravens is ready to explode – not a year from now and not at some point in November but today, right now, and with force...Cravens looks very much like an all-timer – no pressure, by the way – and seems ready to embrace those expectations, delivering along the back end in the mold of this program's long line of greats at the position."**

Steve Sarkisian, USC head coach: **"Su'a is a guy who can create turnovers, he can make tackles in the backfield, he can blitz off the edge, he can cover well. I think he's at his best when he's around the ball."**

(22) JUSTIN DAVIS
Tailback, 6-1, 195, So./So., Stockton, CA (Lincoln HS)

CAREER: He has 911 yards on 178 carries (5.1 avg) with 10 TDs and 14 receptions for 99 yards (7.1 avg) with 2 TDs in his career.

2014: Davis was the backup tailback as a sophomore in 2014. Overall in 2014 while seeing action in all 12 games, he had 125 carries for 550 yards (4.4 avg) with 4 TDs, plus 13 receptions for 92 yards (7.1 avg) with 2 TDs. He sat out 2014 spring practice while recovering from a 2013 ankle injury.

He had 30 yards on 12 tries and he also had 2 receptions for 21 yards against Fresno State. He added 20 yards on 8 carries with a 1-yard TD and he also caught a 10-yard pass at Stanford. He had 10 yards on 6 rushes at Boston College. He had 15 carries for 82 yards with a 21-yard score and 3 catches for 30 yards with a 16-yard TD against Oregon State. He added 67 yards on 14 tries and also had a 5-yard TD at Arizona State. At Arizona, he had 28 yards on 7 rushes and caught a 2-yard pass, then had 97 yards on 11 carries against Colorado, 9 yards on 4 tries at Utah and 44 yards on 9 tries (along with a catch for minus 1 yard) at Washington State. He had 45 yards on 11 tries with a TD against California, added 37 yards on 9 rushes and caught 4 passes for 25 yards with a short TD at UCLA and 81 yards on 19 carries with a 16-yard TD run against Notre Dame.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	53	361	6.8	6	58	1	7	7.0	0	7
2014 (So.)...	125	550	4.4	4	47	13	92	7.1	2	16
CAREER.....	178	911	5.1	10	58	14	99	7.1	2	16

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JUSTIN DAVIS

2014

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.	12	30	2.5	0	4	2	21	10.5	0	14
Stanford	8	20	2.5	1	7	1	10	10.0	0	10
Bost. Coll.	6	10	1.7	0	7	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ore. St.	15	82	5.5	1	21	3	30	10.0	1	16
Arizona St.	14	67	4.8	0	16	1	5	5.0	0	5
Arizona	7	28	4.0	0	11	1	2	2.0	0	2
Colorado	11	97	8.8	0	47	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah	4	9	2.3	0	7	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.	9	44	4.9	0	22	1	-1	-1.0	0	-1
California	11	45	4.1	1	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA	9	37	4.1	0	11	4	25	6.3	1	16
Notre Dame	19	81	4.3	1	16	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	125	550	4.4	4	47	13	92	7.1	2	16

(55) LAMAR DAWSON
Inside Linebacker, 6-1, 230, Sr./Sr., Junction City, KY (Boyle County HS)

CAREER: He has 137 tackles (7.5 for losses, with 2.5 sack), 4 deflections and 2 interceptions in his career. He has 20 career starts.

2014: Dawson, who missed the last half of 2013 with an injury, hoped to regain his starting inside linebacker job as a senior in 2014, but instead redshirted while recovering from a 2013 knee injury. He sat out 2014 spring practice while recovering from that 2013 knee injury.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2011 (Fr.)...	25	2/4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2012 (So.)...	74	2/5	2	0	2	23	22.0	0	22
2013 (Jr.)...	35	3.5/12	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	137	7.5/21	4	0	2	23	11.5	0	22

(28) RYAN DILLARD
Cornerback, 5-9, 185, Jr./Jr., Buford, GA (Buford HS)

CAREER: He has 13 tackles (1 for a loss) in his career.

2014: Dillard, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship in the spring of 2014, served as a backup junior cornerback and played on special teams in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in 6 games (Boston College, Colorado, Washington State, California, UCLA, Notre Dame), he had 4 tackles. He had 3 stops at Washington State and 1 against California. He sprained an ankle in 2014 fall camp and that sidelined him for the Fresno State game.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2012 (Fr.)...	3	0/0	0	0
2013 (So.)...	6	1/2	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	4	0/0	0	0
CAREER...	13	1/2	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH RYAN DILLARD

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Wash. St.	3	0/0	0	0
California	1	0/0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	4	0/0	0	0

(63) GIOVANNI DI POALO
Center, 6-4, 280, Sr.*/Sr., Ventura, CA (St. Bonaventure HS)

2014: Di Poalo served as a backup center as a senior in 2014. He saw brief action in 3 games in 2014 (Fresno State, Colorado, Notre Dame).

(13) BRYCE DIXON
Tight End, 6-4, 240, Fr./Fr., Oxnard, CA (St. Bonaventure HS)

2014: Dixon served as the often-used backup tight end as a first-year freshman in 2014. Overall while appearing in 11 games (he missed the California game while suspended for a student conduct issue), he had 10 catches for 154 yards (15.4 avg) with 3 TDs. He even started against Arizona State.

His first reception as a Trojan was a 22-yard TD against Fresno State, his only catch of the game. He added a 25-yard reception at Boston College and 2 catches for 44 yards against Oregon State. Both of his receptions against Colorado were touchdowns (15 and 9 yards). He had a 12-yard catch at UCLA and added 3 grabs for 27 yards against Notre Dame.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	10	154	15.4	3	31

GAME-BY-GAME WITH BRYCE DIXON

2014

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.	1	22	22.0	1	22
Bost. Coll.	1	25	25.0	0	25
Ore. St.	2	44	22.0	0	31
Colorado	2	24	12.0	2	15
UCLA	1	12	12.0	0	12
Notre Dame	3	27	9.0	0	13
2014 (Fr.)...	10	154	15.4	3	31

(44) MALIK DORTON
Outside Linebacker, 6-2, 250, Fr./Fr., Los Angeles, CA (St. John Bosco HS)

2014: Dorton redshirted as a freshman outside linebacker at USC in 2014, his first year at USC.

(74) NICO FALAH
Offensive Tackle, 6-4, 285, Fr.*/So., Hermosa Beach, CA (St. John Bosco HS)

2014: Falah served as a backup offensive tackle as a redshirt freshman in 2014. He saw brief action in 3 games in 2014 (Fresno State, Colorado, Notre Dame).

(8) GEORGE FARMER
Wide Receiver, 6-1, 220, Jr.*/Sr., Los Angeles, CA (Serra HS)

CAREER: In his career, he has 29 catches for 359 yards (12.4 avg.) with 4 TDs, 7 carries for 17 yards (2.4 avg.), 3 kickoff returns for 59 yards (19.7 avg.) and 2 tackles.

2014: The speedy Farmer made an impact as an often-employed wide receiver as a junior in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in 10 games (he strained his hamstring prior to the Colorado game and missed the next 2 games, Colorado and Utah) and starting 4 times (Fresno State, Boston College, Washington State, California), he had 24 receptions for 310 yards (12.9 avg) with 4 TDs, plus 2 carries for 2 yards (1.0 avg).

He had 3 catches for 20 yards against Fresno State, then a career-best 4 catches for 36 yards at Stanford, 2 grabs for 16 yards with a TD at Boston College (and a run for minus 2 yards), 2 catches for 17 yards against Oregon State and 2 catches for 14 yards against Arizona State. At Washington State, he had 3 grabs for 61 yards, then had 2 for 40 yards (with a diving 32-yard TD) against California and 2 catches for 21 yards at UCLA. He had 4 catches for 85 yards (with 2 first quarter TDs of 48 and 31 yards) and a 4-yard run against Notre Dame.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2011 (Fr.)...	4	42	10.5	0	14	5	15	3.0	0	11
2012 (So.)...	1	7	7.0	0	7	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	24	310	12.9	4	48	2	2	1.0	0	4
CAREER.....	29	359	12.4	4	48	7	17	2.4	0	11

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2011 (Fr.)...	3	59	19.7	0	21	2	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH GEORGE FARMER

2014

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	3	20	6.7	0	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford	4	36	9.0	0	15	0	0	0.0	0	0
Bost. Coll.*	2	16	8.0	1	8	1	-2	-2.0	0	-2
Ore. St.	2	17	8.5	0	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.	2	14	7.0	0	12	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.*	3	61	20.3	0	24	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	2	40	20.0	1	32	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA	2	21	20.5	0	17	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	4	85	21.3	2	48	1	4	4.0	0	4
2014 (Jr.)...	24	310	12.9	4	48	2	2	1.0	0	4

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(47) SCOTT FELIX
Outside Linebacker, 6-2, 230, So.*/Jr., Norco, CA (Norco HS)

CAREER: He has 44 tackles, including 5 for losses (with 1.5 sacks), plus 3 deflections, 2 fumble recoveries and 1 forced fumble in his career.

2014: Felix, originally known as Scott Starr before legally changing his name in 2014, saw significant action at rush outside linebacker as a sophomore in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in all 12 games and starting 4 (Colorado, Washington State, California, UCLA), he had 33 tackles, including 5 for losses (with 1.5 sacks), plus 2 deflections, a team-best 2 fumble recoveries and 1 forced fumble.

He had 3 tackles against Fresno State, then had 6 tackles (1 for a loss) at Stanford and recovered a fumble as the Cardinal was driving late in the game. He added 3 tackles at Boston College, a tackle for a loss and a deflection against Oregon State, a sack against Arizona State and 4 tackles and forced a fumble against Colorado. He had a game-high 9 tackles (1.5 for a loss) and a deflection at Utah, 3 tackles and a fumble recovery (it led to a USC TD) at Washington State and 3 tackles (0.5 sack) against California.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2012 (Fr.)...	2	0/0	0	0
2013 (Fr.)...	9	0/0	1	0
2014 (So.)...	33	5/28	2	2
CAREER.....	44	5/28	3	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH SCOTT FELIX

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.	3	0/0	0	0
Stanford*	6	1/16	0	1
Bost. Coll.	3	0/0	0	0
Ore. St.	1	1/1	0	1
Arizona St.	1	1/6	0	0
Colorado*	4	0/0	0	0
Utah	9	1.5/3	0	1
Wash. St.*	3	0/0	0	1
California*	3	0.5/2	0	0
2014 (So.)...	33	5/28	2	2

*Starter

(10) JALEN GREENE
Quarterback, 6-2, 200, Fr./Fr., Gardena, CA (Serra HS)

2014: Greene, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2014 after graduating a semester early from high school, redshirted as a freshman quarterback at USC in 2014, his first year at USC. He won **USC's Offensive Service Team Player of the Year Award**.

(76/89) NATHAN GUERTLER
Offensive Tackle-Tight End, 6-5, 270, Sr.*/Sr., Norco, CA (Norco HS)

2014: Guertler, who earned a scholarship in the spring of 2014 after being one of USC's most experienced walk-ons, served as a backup at offensive tackle and tight end, and he also played on special teams as a senior in 2014. He appeared in 9 games in 2014 (all but Arizona, Washington State, UCLA).

(18) AJENE HARRIS
Wide Receiver, 5-11, 180, Fr., Fr., Los Angeles, CA (Crenshaw)

2014: Harris was a backup wide receiver as a first-year freshman in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in 5 games (Fresno State, Stanford, Boston College, Oregon State, Notre Dame), he had 4 receptions for 38 yards (9.5 avg) and he also threw an incomplete pass. He even started against Oregon State. He had an 8-yard reception against Fresno State, then had 3 catches for 30 yards against Oregon State (and threw the incompletion). He strained his hamstring prior to the Arizona State game and missed the next 3 games (Arizona State, Arizona, Colorado).

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	4	38	9.5	0	21	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH AJENE HARRIS

2014

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.	1	8	8.0	0	8
Oregon St.*	3	30	10.0	0	21
2014 (Fr.)...	4	38	9.5	0	21

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(4) CHRIS HAWKINS
Cornerback, 5-11, 185, Fr.*/So., Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Rancho Cucamonga HS)

2014: Hawkins started USC's first 4 games (Fresno State, Stanford, Boston College, Arizona State) at cornerback, then served as a backup the rest of the season as a redshirt freshman in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in 11 games (all but UCLA), he had 32 tackles, including 1 for a loss, plus 2 deflections and an interception.

He had 1 tackle against Fresno State, 6 stops at Stanford, 4 tackles and an interception at Boston College, 2 tackles against Oregon State, 5 tackles at Arizona, 9 tackles (1 for a loss) and 2 deflections against Colorado, a tackle at Utah, 2 tackles at Washington State and 2 stops against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	32	1/2	2	0	1	0	0.0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CHRIS HAWKINS

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	6	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Bost. Coll.*	4	0/0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Ore. St.*	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado	9	1/2	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Fr.)...	32	1/2	2	0	1	0	0.0	0	0

*Starter

(48) ANDRE HEIDARI
Placekicker, 5-11, 220, Sr./Sr., Bakersfield, CA (Stockdale HS)

CAREER: He has hit 48-of-65 field goals and 181-of-187 PATs in his career. He set Pac-12 records for PATs (181) and PAT attempts (187). He has hit 4 field goals of at least 50 yards in his career (53, 52 twice and 50) and he has 3 of the 9 longest field goals in Trojan history (including tied for the third longest).

2014: Heidari served his fourth season as USC's placekicker as a senior in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in 10 games (he strained his groin prior to the Arizona game and missed the next 2 contests, Arizona and Colorado), he hit 8-of-10 field goals, including a pair of at least 50 yards, and 43-of-44 PATs. He also handled the kickoff duties for USC's first 5 games of 2014, with 5 of his 30 kickoffs pinning opponents within the 20 (9 others were touchbacks).

Against Fresno State, he hit all 7 of his PATS, made 1-of-2 field goals (a 27-yarder) and had touchbacks on 4 of his 9 kickoffs (2 others pinned the Bulldogs within the 20). He nailed a career-long 53-yard field goal (tied for the third longest in USC history) with 2:30 to play to give USC a win at Stanford (his second consecutive year that USC defeated the Cardinal on a Heidari kick), and he also hit an earlier 25-yarder and a PAT, plus he had a touchback on 1 of his 4 kickoffs to earn **Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week** honors. He hit a 52-yard field goal and all 4 of his PATs at Boston College, plus 1 of his 5 kickoffs pinned the Eagles within the 20 and another was a touchback. Against Oregon State, he hit all 5 of his PATs but missed his only field goal try (1 of his 5 kickoffs was a touchback). Against Arizona State, he hit both of his field goals (35 and 33 yards) and all 4 of his PATs and 2 of his 7 kickoffs pinned pinned the Sun Devils within the 20 (and he had 2 touchbacks). At Utah, he returned after a 2-game layoff because of a strained groin and hit all 3 of his PATs. At Washington State, he hit a 37-yard field goal and made 5-of-6 PATs. Against California, he hit all 5 of his PATs and a 25-yard field goal. At UCLA, he hit both of his PATs to tie the USC career PAT attempts record (at 180). Against Notre Dame, he hit all 7 of his PATs as he became the Pac-12 career recordholder for PATs and PAT attempts.

	FGA	FGM	LG	PAT ATT	PAT	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2011 (Fr.)...	17	15	50	50	50	4	0/0	0	0
2012 (So.)...	16	10	41	41	39	0	0/0	0	0
2013 (Jr.)...	22	15	52	52	49	1	0/0	0	0
2014 (Sr.)...	10	8	53	44	43	0	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	65	48	53	187	181	5	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ANDRE HEIDARI

2014

	FG-FGA	MADE	MISS	PAT-PAT ATT
Fresno St.*	1-2	27	39 WL	7-7
Stanford*	2-2	25, 53	—	1-1
Bost. Coll.*	1-1	52	—	4-4
Ore. St.*	0-1	—	36 WL	5-5
Arizona St.*	2-2	35, 33	—	4-4
Utah*	0-0	—	—	3-3
Wash. St.*	1-1	37	—	5-6
California*	1-1	25	—	5-5
UCLA*	0-0	—	—	2-2
Notre Dame*	0-0	—	—	7-7
2014 (Sr.)...	8-10			43-44

	KICKOFFS	WITHIN 20 (TOUCHBACKS)
Fresno St.*	9	2 (4)
Stanford*	4	0 (1)
Bost. Coll.*	5	1 (1)
Ore. St.*	5	0 (1)
Arizona St.*	7	2 (2)
2014 (Sr.)...	30	5 (9)

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(59) DON HILL
Outside Linebacker, 6-3, 245, Fr./Fr., Boise, ID (Timberline HS)

2014: Hill, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2014 after graduating a semester early from high school, redshirted as a freshman outside linebacker at USC in 2014, his first year at USC. He sat out 2014 spring practice while recovering from a 2013 Achilles injury.

(19) MICHAEL HUTCHINGS
Inside Linebacker, 6-1, 210, So./So., Antioch, CA (De La Salle HS)

CAREER: He has 36 tackles and 1 interception in his career. He has 1 career start.

2014: Hutchings was a backup inside linebacker and playedon special teams as a sophomore in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 17 tackles and an interception. He dislocated his left elbow during 2014 spring practice.

He had 3 tackles and an interception against Fresno State, then added a tackle at Stanford. He had 5 tackles at Boston College while starting. He had 1 tackle against Arizona State and at Arizona, then added 4 tackles against Colorado and 2 against Washington State.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	19	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	17	0/0	0	0	1	6	6.0	0	6
CAREER.....	36	0/0	0	0	1	6	6.0	0	6

GAME-BY-GAME WITH MICHAEL HUTCHINGS

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.	3	0/0	0	0	1	6	6.0	0	6
Stanford	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Bost. Coll.*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado	4	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	17	0/0	0	0	1	6	6.0	0	6

*Starter

(2) ADOREE' JACKSON
Cornerback-Wide Receiver, 5-11, 180, Fr./Fr., Belleville, IL (Serra HS)

CAREER: He is already 19th on USC's career kickoff return list (554 yards).

2014: Jackson made quite an impact on defense, offense and special teams as a first-year freshman cornerback, wide receiver and returner/coverage man. He also plans to long jump for USC's track team. Overall in 2014 while appearing in all 12 games and starting 9 times at cornerback (at Stanford and then in USC's last 8 games) and once concurrently at wide receiver (Notre Dame), he had 42 tackles, including 4 for losses, 9 deflections, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery on defense, plus 7 receptions for 65 yards (9.3 avg) with 2 TDs and 1 carry for 5 yards (5.0 avg) on offense and 20 kickoff returns for 554 yards (27.7 avg) with 1 TD and 2 punt returns for 12 yards (6.0 avg).

He was used as a 3-way player in 7 games in 2014 (the first 4 and the past 3). The last Trojan to see a significant amount of time on offense/defense/special teams in a game was Chad Morton, who did so for several games in both his 1996 redshirt freshman and 1997 sophomore seasons when he played tailback, wide receiver, cornerback, safety and punt returner. Against Notre Dame in 2014, Jackson became the first Trojan to start on offense (wide receiver) and defense (cornerback) in a game since at least the late 1960s when starting records were first reliably kept during the 2-platoon era.

He made the **2014 CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American second team (as a kickoff returner), as well as Scout Freshman All-American first team, CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American first team, ESPN.com True Freshman All-American first team and 247Sports True Freshman All-American first team**. He was named the **2014 Pac-12 Defensive Freshman of the Year** and made **All-Pac-12 honorable mention, as well as the Athlon All-Pac-12 first team (as an all-purpose player) and CollegeSportsMadness.com All-Pac-12 first team**. He is fifth nationally in kickoff returns (27.7, second in Pac-12) and 10th in kickoff return TDs (1, second in Pac-12).

He had a tackle along with 3 receptions for 36 yards (with an 18-yard TD) and a 10-yard punt return against Fresno State while playing 52 plays (13 offense, 25 defense, 14 special teams). He had 2 tackles for loss, plus he caught a pass for minus 4 yards and returned 3 kickoffs for 81 yards at Boston College while playing 45 plays (2 offense, 30 defense, 13 special teams). Against Oregon State, he had a tackle and 2 deflections (including one that he tipped to teammate Leon McQuay, who made the interception) along with 2 kickoff returns for 58 yards while playing 44 plays (4 offense, 28 defense, 12 special teams). He had 5 tackles and

returned 2 kickoffs for 56 yards against Arizona State. At Arizona, he had 7 tackles and returned a kickoff 34 yards. He had a 15-yard kickoff return and made a tackle before being sidelined with a hip injury against Colorado. He had 4 tackles (1 for a loss), a deflection, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery (on the same play) plus he returned 2 kickoffs for 127 yards (with a school record-tying 100-yarder for a TD) and a punt for 2 yards at Utah to earn **College Football Performance Awards National Kickoff Returner of the Week and Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week** honors. He had 8 tackles (1 for a loss) and 2 deflections, plus 3 kickoff returns for 67 yards, at Washington State. He had 5 tackles and 2 deflections on defense and 2 receptions for 17 yards on offense against California while playing 101 plays (75 on defense, 22 on special teams, 4 on offense). He had 5 tackles and a deflection and also returned 3 kickoffs for 54yards and had a 5-yard rush at UCLA while playing 97 plays (74 on defense, 22 on special teams and 1 on offense). He had 3 tackles and a deflection and caught a 16-yard TD against Notre Dame as he became the first Trojan to start on offense (wide receiver) and defense (cornerback) in a game since at least the late 1960s when starting records were first reliably kept during the 2-platoon era while playing 49 snaps (35 on defense, 6 on offense, 8 on special teams) before being sidelined late in the first half with a concussion.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Fr.)...	42	4/7	9	1

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	7	65	9.3	2	18	1	5	5.0	0	5

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	20	554	27.7	1	100	2	12	12.0	0	10

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ADOREE' JACKSON

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.	1	0/0	0	0
Bost. Coll.	2	2/4	0	0
Ore. St.	1	0/0	2	0
Arizona St.*	5	0/0	0	0
Arizona*	7	0/0	0	0
Colorado*	1	0/0	0	0
Utah*	4	1/2	1	1
Wash. St.*	8	1/1	2	0
California*	5	0/0	2	0
UCLA*	5	0/0	1	0
Notre Dame**	3	0/0	1	0
2014 (Fr.)...	42	4/7	9	1

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.	3	36	12.0	1	18	0	0	0.0	0	0
Bost. Coll.	1	-4	-4.0	0	-4	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	2	17	8.5	0	14	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	5	5.0	0	5
Notre Dame**	1	16	16.0	1	16	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Fr.)...	7	65	9.3	2	18	1	5	5.0	0	5

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	10	10.0	0	10
Bost. Coll.	3	81	27.0	0	50	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ore. St.	2	58	29.0	0	35	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	2	56	28.0	0	32	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	1	34	34.0	0	34	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	1	15	15.0	0	15	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	2	127	63.5	1	100	1	2	2.0	0	2
Wash. St.*	3	67	22.3	0	35	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	3	62	20.7	0	27	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	3	54	18.0	0	21	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Fr.)...	20	554	27.7	1	100	2	12	12.0	0	10

***Starter on defense**
****Starter on defense and offense**

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT ADOREE' JACKSON

Tee Martin, USC wide receivers coach: **"He has an unbelievable amount of talent. He can handle the installation on offense and defense and it's seamless. The one thing that stands out is how smart and productive he is."**

Max Browne, USC quarterback: **"I'm just impressed with the way he moves back and forth between offense and defense."**

Steve Sarkisian, USC head coach: **"I'm trying to find a flaw right now with the guy. He's prepared, he studies, he gets his rest, he recovers, he comes energized and, ultimately, he knows what he's doing and he's making plays."**

Jake Davidson, Daily Trojan: **"Jackson already is the best cover corner in the secondary. His return skills are so feared that teams are already kicking away from him. Not to mention the fact that though he has touched the ball sparingly on offense, he is a threat to score every time he gets his gloves on the pigskin."**

(14) RAHSHEAD JOHNSON
Wide Receiver-Cornerback, 5-11, 175, Fr./Fr., Compton, CA (Cabrillo HS)

2014: Johnson redshirted as a freshman wide receiver and cornerback at USC in 2014, his first year at USC.

(83) GEORGE KATRIB
Wide Receiver, 6-0, 185, Jr./Jr., Diamond Bar, CA (Diamond Bar HS)

CAREER: He has made 19 tackles in his career.

2014: Katrib, a one-time walk-on who earned a scholarship in the spring of 2014, was a backup junior wide receiver and played on special teams in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in 10 games (all but Stanford and Boston College), he made 7 tackles (all on special teams), including 4 against Colorado, 2 versus Notre Dame and 1 against California.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2012 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0
2013 (So.)...	11	0/0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	7	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	19	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH GEORGE KATRIB

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Colorado	4	0/0	0	0
California	1	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	2	0/0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	7	0/0	0	0

(6) CODY KESSLER
Quarterback, 6-1, 210, Jr.*/Sr., Bakersfield, CA (Centennial HS)

CAREER: He has completed 530-of-776 passes (68.3%) for 6,482 yards with 56 TDs and just 11 interceptions in his career. He also has 7 pooch punts for a 33.0 average in his career. He is fifth on Troy's career TD pass list (56), sixth on the career passing chart (530 completions), sixth on the career passing yardage list (6,482) and sixth on the career total offense chart (6,277 yards). He has thrown for at least 300 yards in a game 7 times in his career (including once for 400 yards) and twice he has done it back-to-back. He has thrown at least 1 TD pass in 22 of his 26 career starts, at least 2 scores 14 times in his career and at least 4 TDs 7 times. His current career completion percentage of 68.3% and interception rate of 1.42 are better than 2004 Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart's USC career records (64.8% and 1.85%). He also has 3 rushing touchdowns.

2014: Kessler is having a record-setting season in his second year as the starting quarterback as a junior in 2014. Overall in 2014 while starting all 12 games, he has completed 292-of-413 passes (70.7%) for 3,505 yards with 36 TDs and just 4 interceptions, plus he has 2 rushing TDs and averages 33.0 yards on 7 pooch punts.

He made **2014 All-Pac-12 honorable mention, as well as the CollegeSportsMadness.com All-Pac-12 third team**. He is one of 11 **finalists for the Manning Award** (top quarterback) and was one of 5 **finalists for the Unitas Golden Arm Award** (top senior/fourth-year quarterback). He won **USC's Trojan Way Leadership Award and Player of the Notre Dame Game Award**. He is second nationally in completion percentage (70.7%, first in Pac-12), fourth in both passing efficiency (168.8, second in Pac-12) and passing TDs (36, second in Pac-12), seventh in points responsible for (19.2, third in Pac-12), eighth in completions (24.3, fourth in Pac-12) and 11th in passing yards (292.1, third in Pac-12).

His 70.7% completion percentage in 2014 currently is above the USC season record (69.1% by Matt Barkley in 2011). His 168.8 passing efficiency in 2014 currently is above the USC season record (164.6 by Mark Sanchez in 2008). His 0.97 interception rate currently is better than the USC season record (1.34 by Rob Johnson in 1003). Against Power 5 opponents, his passing efficiency (161.6) is second best in the nation, his completion percentage (69.9%) is second and his passing TDs (26) is third. No quarterback in the nation has thrown as many passes as Kessler and had only 4 interceptions, and only 1 besides Kessler has thrown at least 30 TDs with just 4 or fewer interceptions. None of his first 190 passes in 2014 were intercepted (he had a streak of 195 extending to 2013) and only 4 of his 413 throws in 2014 have been picked off. He has thrown just 5 interceptions in his past 17 games. He has thrown 25 touchdowns in the last 6 games. He has thrown for at least 300 yards in a game 6 times in 2014, including once for 400 yards. He has thrown at least 4 TDs 6 times in 2014. His 36 TD passes in 2014 is tied for third on USC's season ladder, his 292 completions in 2014 is fourth on the USC season list, his 3,505 passing yards is sixth on the USC season list and his 3,356 yards of total offense is sixth on USC's season chart.

He threw for a career-high 394 yards versus Fresno State while hitting 25-of-37 passes with 4 TDs (all tying career bests) and he also opened the game's scoring with a 1-yard sneak as part of his 28 rushing yards (in the first half, he threw for 309 yards on 21-of-30 passing) to earn **Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week** honors. He hit 15-of-22 passes for 135 yards at Stanford, then was 31-of-41 (both career highs) for 317 yards with 4 TDs at Boston College. He completed 75% of his passes (24-of-32) for 261 yards with 2 TDs (including a 48-yard Hail Mary at the halftime gun) and no interceptions against an Oregon State defense that was leading the nation in pass efficiency defense (holding opposing quarterbacks to 42.3% completions and not allowing a passing TD). He was 28-of-45 (a career high attempts) for 273 yards against Arizona State and he also had an 8-yard rushing TD and averaged 33.8 yards on 4 pooch punts. He completed 20-of-30 passes for 185 yards and a TD at Arizona, but threw his first interception to snap a string of 190 straight passes without a pick in 2014 (and 195 dating to 2013). His 7 TD passes against Colorado set a USC game record and tied a Pac-12 regulation game record and his 5 TDs in the first half tied a USC mark (he had 4 TD tosses in the first quarter) as he averaged a TD pass every 2.7 completions and 3.7 attempts (he was 19-of-26 in the game for 319 yards with no picks, all in 3 quarters of play) to earn **Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week, Walter Camp National Offensive Player of the Week, College Football Performance Awards National Performer of the Week and National Quarterback of the Week and College Sports Madness National and Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week** honors. He completed 75% of his passes (24-of-32) at Utah for 264 yards and 2 TDs with 1 interception. He threw for a career-best 400 yards with 5 TDs (including a career-long 87-yarder) on 21-of-32 passes and also had a 23-yard punt at Washington State to earn **College Sports Madness Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week** honors. He hit 73.8% of his aerials (31-of-42, a career-tying best for completions) for 371 yards and 4 TDs against California, his second consecutive 300-yard outing. He was 22-of-34 for 214 yards with a TD and an interception at UCLA and he also had a 38-yard punt. Against Notre Dame, he threw an Irish opponent record 6 touchdown passes while hitting 80% of his passes, completing a career-best 32 on 40 attempts (including 16 consecutive at one point) for 372 yards and no interceptions (his 5 scoring TDs in the first half tied a USC record and were the most ever thrown in a half against Notre Dame) and he also had a 35-yard punt to earn **Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week and College Sports Madness Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week** honors.

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2012 (Fr.)...	2	2	0	1.000	9	0	8	0	0	0.0	0	0
2013 (So.)...	361	236	7	.654	2968	20	80	42	-124	-3.0	1	34
2014 (Jr.)...	413	292	4	.707	3505	36	87	52	-149	-2.4	2	13
CAREER...	776	530	11	.683	6482	56	87	94	-273	-2.9	3	34

	P	YDS	AVG	LG
2014 (Jr.)...	7	231	33.0	47

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CODY KESSLER

2014

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	37	25	0	.676	394	4	53
Stanford*	22	15	0	.682	135	0	29
Bost. Coll.*	41	31	0	.756	317	4	51
Ore. St.*	32	24	0	.750	261	2	48
Arizona St.*	45	28	0	.622	273	0	37
Arizona*	30	20	1	.667	185	1	25
Colorado*	26	19	0	.731	319	7	75
Utah*	32	24	1	.750	264	2	28
Wash. St.*	32	21	0	.656	400	5	87
California*	42	31	1	.738	371	4	36
UCLA*	34	22	1	.647	214	1	31
Notre Dame*	40	32	0	.800	372	6	48
2014 (Jr.)...	413	292	4	.707	3505	36	87

	P	YDS	AVG	LG
Arizona St.*	4	135	33.8	47
Wash. St.*	1	23	23.0	23
UCLA*	1	38	38.0	38
Notre Dame*	1	35	35.0	35
2014 (Jr.)...	7	231	33.0	47

	P	WITHIN 20	50+ YARDS
Arizona St.*	4	1	0
Wash. St.*	1	1	0
UCLA*	1	1	0
Notre Dame*	1	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	7	3	0

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WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT CODY KESSLER

Bill Plaschke, Los Angeles Times: "**Cody Kessler has stepped strongly and squarely into the role of The Next Great USC Quarterback…He is living it, unleashing his best for the biggest of national moments, just as former Trojan stars Matt Leinart and Carson Palmer did during their Heisman Trophy-winning seasons."**

Matt Leinart, USC's 2004 Heisman Trophy quarterback: **"(His performance in the 2014 Notre Dame game) makes him a pre-season Heisman Trophy candidate for 2015. His stats are amazing and he's just getting better and better."**

Steve Sarkisian, USC head coach: **"At some point, people are going to recognize him. Those are some ridiculous numbers he is putting up…He can make and see things extremely well and make decisive decisions quickly. I think that comes from his basketball experience, playing point guard, having him make those types of decisions. For us, that's vitally important. He has really quick hands and throws accurately."**

Jim Mora, UCLA head coach: **"He's very, very impressive. He can extend plays and throws with tremendous accuracy. Makes all the throws you need to make. He's a big-time player."**

Brian Kelly, Notre Dame head coach: **"His efficiency is outstanding. He's smart and he plays well within the offense. On merit, his numbers stand up with all the quarterbacks in the country."**

Sonny Dykes, California head coach: **"Kessler is really doing a nice job executing that offense and taking care of the ball and not making mistakes."**

Matt Hinton, Grantland ESPN.com: **"When Kessler heats up, opposing secondaries go up in flames very, very quickly…Even more impressive than the big plays may be the almost suspicious absence of bad plays."**

(50) TOA LOBENDAHN
Offensive Guard-Offensive Tackle, 6-3, 280, Fr./Fr., La Habra, CA (La Habra HS)

2014: Lobendahn, who enrolled at USC in the spring of 2014 after graduating a semester early from high school, started all season on the offense line as a first-year freshman in 2014, the first 8 games at left guard and the last 4 at left tackle. He made the **2014 Scout Freshman All-American first team, ESPN.com True Freshman All-American first team, 247Sports True Freshman All-American first team and CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American second team**. He made **2014 All-Pac-12 honorable mention**. Against Fresno State, he and Damien Mama became just the second pair of USC first-year freshmen in the post-World War II era to start on the offensive line (Travis Claridge and Faaesea Mailo did so 3 times in 1996), but it was the first time that a Trojan first-year freshman o-line duo started an opener).

(23) JONATHAN LOCKETT
Cornerback, 5-11, 175, Fr./Fr., Bellflower, CA (Mater Dei HS)

2014: Lockett saw action in 11 games (all but Stanford) as a backup cornerback and on special teams as a first-year freshman cornerback in 2014, getting 4 tackles and a deflection. He had 3 tackles at Arizona and a tackle and deflection against Colorado.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Fr.)...	4	0/0	1	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JONATHAN LOCKETT

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Arizona	3	0/0	0	0
Colorado	1	0/0	1	0
2014 (Fr.)...	4	0/0	1	0

(23) TRE MADDEN
Tailback, 6-1, 225, Jr.*/Sr., Aliso Viejo, CA (Mission Viejo HS)

2014: Madden, who hoped to revert to his 2013 form in 2014 as a junior tailback, instead was sidelined all season after suffering turf toe in 2014 fall camp.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (So.)...	138	703	5.1	3	34	15	201	13.4	4	63

	PA	PC	PI	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2011 (Fr.)...	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	15	1/1	0	0
2013 (So.)...	1	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	1	0	1	.000	0	0	0	15	1/1	0	0

(51) DAMIEN MAMA
Offensive Guard, 6-5, 370, Fr./Fr., Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco HS)

2014: Mama saw significant action at offensive guard as a first-year freshman in 2014, appearing in 11 games (all but Washington State). He started USC's first 2 games at right guard, then started against Notre Dame at left guard. Against Fresno State, he and Toa Lobendahn became just the second pair of USC first-year freshmen in the post-World War II era to start on the offensive line (Travis Claridge and Faaesea Mailo did so 3 times in 1996), but it was the first time that a Trojan first-year freshman o-line duo started an opener).

(61) PETER McBRIDE
Snapper, 6-1, 215, Jr.*/Sr., Scottsdale, AZ (Chaparral HS)

CAREER: He has 2 tackles in his career.
2014: McBride's only action as a junior in 2014 was briefly as a kick snapper against Arizona State.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2012 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0
2013 (So.)...	1	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	2	0/0	0	0

(22) LEON McQUAY III
Safety, 6-1, 185, So./So., Seffner, FL (Armwood HS)

CAREER: He has 54 tackles (0.5 for a loss), 7 deflections, 2 forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and 3 interceptions in his career. He has 10 career starts.
2014: McQuay started 9 games (all but Stanford, Colorado, Notre Dame) at strong safety as a sophomore in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in all 12 games on defense and special teams, he had 35 tackles (0.5 for a loss), 3 deflections, a team-best 2 interceptions, a fumble recovery and a forced fumble.

He had 4 tackles (including 0.5 for a loss) against Fresno State, 2 tackles at Stanford, 1 tackle at Boston College, an endzone interception to go along with his 3 tackles and a deflection against Oregon State, 2 tackles against Arizona State, 3 stops at Arizona, a tackle against Colorado, 4 tackles and a fumble recovery at the USC 1-yard line at Utah, 5 tackles, an interception and a deflection at Washington State, 2 tackles, a deflection and a forced fumble against California, 7 tackles at UCLA and a tackle against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	19	0/0	4	0	1	2	2.0	0	2
2014 (So.)...	35	0.5/1	3	1	2	22	11.0	0	22
CAREER.....	54	0.5/1	7	1	3	24	8.0	0	22

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	1	3	3.0	0	3

GAME-BY-GAME WITH LEON McQUAY III

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	4	0.5/1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Bost. Coll.*	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ore. St.*	3	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	2	0/0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	4	0/0	0	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.*	5	0/0	1	0	1	22	22.0	0	22
California*	2	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	7	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	35	0.5/1	3	1	2	22	11.0	0	22

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(7) STEVEN MITCHELL
Wide Receiver, 5-10, 185, Fr.*/So., Pasadena, CA (Bishop Alemany HS)

2014: The fleet Mitchell was a backup wide receiver as a redshirt freshman in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in 10 games (all but Stanford and Boston College) and starting once (UCLA), he had 7 receptions for 82 yards (11.7 avg) with 2 TDs and made a tackle. He missed 2014 spring practice while recovering from a 2013 knee injury, as well as a hernia.

He had 1 catch each against Arizona State (7 yards), Colorado (a 24-yard TD) and Utah (7 yards), then he had 2 receptions at Washington State for 28 yards with a 5-yard TD, then he had a catch versus California (5 yards) and Notre Dame (11 yards). His tackle came against California.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Fr.)...	7	82	11.7	2	24	1	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH STEVEN MITCHELL

2014

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Arizona St.	1	7	7.0	0	7
Colorado	1	24	24.0	1	24
Utah	1	7	7.0	0	7
Wash. St.	2	28	14.0	1	23
California	1	5	5.0	0	5
Notre Dame	1	11	11.0	0	11
2014 (Fr.)...	7	82	11.7	2	24

(42) UCHENNA NWOSU
Outside Linebacker, 6-3, 210, Fr./Fr., Carson, CA (Narbonne HS)

2014: Nwosu served as a backup outside linebacker and played on special teams as a first-year freshman in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 9 tackles. He had 2 tackles against Fresno State, then 1 each against Stanford, Arizona State, Colorado, Utah, Washington State, California and UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	
2014 (Fr.)...	9	0/0		0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH UCHENNA NWOSU

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.	2	0/0	0	0
Stanford	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	1	0/0	0	0
Colorado	1	0/0	0	0
Utah	1	0/0	0	0
Wash. St.	1	0/0	0	0
California	1	0/0	0	0
UCLA	1	0/0	0	0
2014 (Fr.)...	9	0/0	0	0

(90) CLAUDE PELON
Defensive Tackle, 6-4, 295, Jr.*/Sr., Orlando, FL (Agape Christian Academy/Mesa CC)

2014: Pelon, who transferred to USC from a junior college in the spring of 2014, saw lots of time as a backup defensive tackle as a junior in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in all 12 games and starting twice (at defensive tackle against Fresno State and at nose tackle against California), he had 17 tackles, including 4.5 for losses (with 2.5 sacks), plus 2 deflections and a blocked field goal.

He had 1 tackle against Fresno State, 2 stops at Stanford, 1 tackle at Boston College, a deflection against Oregon State and 3 tackles (with a sack) and a blocked field goal (on the play after his sack) at Arizona. He then had 2 tackles (with a sack) against Colorado, 2 tackles (1 for a loss) at Washington State, a tackle for a loss and a deflection against California, 3 tackles at UCLA and 2 tackles (0.5 for a loss) against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Jr.)...	17	4.5/14	3#	0

#Includes 1 blocked field goal

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CLAUDE PELON

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.*	1	0/0	0	0
Stanford	2	0/0	0	0
Bost. Coll.	1	0/0	0	0
Ore. St.	0	0/0	1	0
Arizona	3	1/3	1#	0
Colorado	2	1/7	0	0
Wash. St.	2	1/1	0	0
California*	1	1/1	1	0
UCLA	3	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	2	0.5/2	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	17	4.5/14	3#	0

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#Includes 1 blocked field goal

(38) JAHLEEL PINNER
Fullback, 5-11, 235, Jr./Jr., Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (Mission Viejo HS)

CAREER: In his career, he has 8 receptions for 36 yards (4.5 avg), 2 carries for 6 yards (3.0 avg), a 1-yard kickoff return and 3 tackles. He has 6 career starts.

2014: Pinner saw lots of time at fullback and on special teams as a junior in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 2 carries for 6 yards (3.0 avg), a 3-yard reception and 2 tackles. He had both carries against Fresno State, the reception at Utah and a tackle each against Boston College and Arizona State.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (So.)...	7	33	4.7	0	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	1	3	3.0	0	3	2	6	3.0	0	4
CAREER.....	8	36	4.5	0	11	2	6	3.0	0	4

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2012 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2013 (So.)...	0	0/0	0	0	1	1	1.0	0	1
2014 (Jr.)...	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JAHLEEL PINNER

2014

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	6	3.0	0	4
Utah	1	3	3.0	0	3	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	1	3	3.0	0	3	2	6	3.0	0	4

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(24) JOHN PLATTENBURG
Safety, 5-11, 180, Fr./Fr., Houston, TX (Lamar HS)

2014: Plattenburg saw significant action at safety and on special teams as a first-year freshman in 2014. He started 5 of USC's final 6 games (all but California), 3 times at free safety (Utah, Washington State, UCLA) and twice at strong safety (Colorado, Notre Dame). Overall in 2014 while appearing in 9 games (all but Stanford, Boston College and California), he had 25 tackles and 2 deflections. He strained his thigh prior to the California game and missed that contest.

He had 2 tackles and a deflection at Arizona, 8 tackles against Colorado, 4 tackles against Utah, another 4 stops against UCLA (1 for a loss) and 7 tackles against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Fr.)...	25	1/4	1	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JOHN PLATTENBURG

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Arizona	2	0/0	1	0
Colorado*	8	0/0	0	0
Utah*	4	0/0	0	0
UCLA*	4	1/4	0	0
Notre Dame*	7	0/0	0	0
2014 (Fr.)...	25	1/4	1	0

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(18) QUINTON POWELL
Outside Linebacker, 6-2, 200, So./So., Deltona, FL (Mainland HS)

CAREER: He has 33 tackles (4 for losses, with 2 sacks) in his career.

2014: Powell served as a backup outside linebacker and played on special teams as a sophomore in 2014. He won **USC's Special Teams Player of the Year Award**. Overall in 2014 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 13 tackles, including 2 for losses (with a sack). He had 1 tackle each against Boston College, Arizona State and Arizona, then had 4 tackles against Colorado. He then had 2 tackles (1 for a loss) at Washington State, 2 tackles (including a sack) against California and 1 stop each against UCLA and Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2013 (Fr.)...	20	2/7	0	0
2014 (So.)...	13	2/4	0	0
CAREER.....	33	4/11	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH QUINTON POWELL

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Bost. Coll.	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	1	0/0	0	0
Arizona	1	0/0	0	0
Colorado	4	0/0	0	0
Wash. St.	2	1/3	0	0
California	2	1/1	0	0
UCLA	1	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	1	0/0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	13	2/4	0	0

(10) HAYES PULLARD
Inside Linebacker, 6-1, 235, Sr.*/Sr., Inglewood (Crenshaw)

CAREER: He has 369 tackles, including 25.5 for losses (with 6 sacks), plus 17 deflections, 3 forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and 3 interceptions (1 for a TD) in his career. His 369 career tackles is seventh most in USC history and 27 shy of leader Marcus Cotton's 396. He has 50 career starts.

2014: The steady Pullard started for his fourth season at inside linebacker as a senior in 2014. Overall in 2014 while starting 11 games (all but Boston College), he had a team-best 87 tackles, including 5.5 for losses, plus 8 deflections, an interception and a fumble recovery. He made **2014 All-Pac-12 honorable mention, as well as the CollegeSportsMadness.com All-Pac-12 third team**. He is a **Senior Bowl** invitee. He was among 15 **semifinalists for the 2014 Butkus Award**. He won **USC's Trojan Commitment Award**. He is looking to be the first Trojan since Dennis Johnson in 1977-79 to lead USC in tackles for 3 seasons.

He had a team-high 9 tackles (0.5 for a loss) and a deflection against Fresno State, then 7 tackles and a deflection at Stanford despite missing the fourth quarter after being ejected for targeting. He had 5 tackles and a deflection at Boston College while having to sit out the first half because he was ejected from the previous game, then he had 5 tackles against Oregon State, a team-best 9 tackles (1 for a loss) against Arizona State, a team-best 9 tackles (with 0.5 for loss) at Arizona, 9 tackles and 2 deflections against Colorado and 6 tackles (0.5 for loss) at Utah. He had a team-best 9 tackles with an interception and a deflection at Washington State, 7 tackles and a deflection against California, a team-best 9 tackles (2 for losses) at UCLA and 3 tackles (1 for a loss), a fumble recovery and a deflection against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2011 (Fr.)...	81	6.5/36	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2012 (So.)...	107	8/26	1	0	1	27	27.0	1	27
2013 (Jr.)...	94	5.5/12	6	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Sr.)...	87	5.5/7	8	1	1	19	19.0	0	19
CAREER.....	369	25.5/81	17	1	3	46	15.3	1	27

GAME-BY-GAME WITH HAYES PULLARD

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	9	0.5/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	7	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Bost. Coll.	5	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ore. St.*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	9	1/1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	9	0.5/1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	9	0/0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	6	0.5/1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.*	9	0/0	1	0	1	19	19.0	0	19
California*	7	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	9	2/3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	3	1/1	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Sr.)...	87	5.5/7	8	1	1	19	19.0	0	19

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WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT HAYES PULLARD

Ryan Abraham, USCFootball.com: **"Hayes Pullard is a difference maker on and off the field. His leadership skills are as important as his tackling skills and the Trojans will rely heavily on both this season."**

Michael Lev, Orange County Register: **"Pullard is one of USC's best defenders and one of its foremost leaders."**

(62) KHALIEL RODGERS
Offensive Guard, 6-3, 315, Fr.*/So., New Castle, DE (Eastern Christian Academy)

2014: Rodgers served as a backup offensive guard for most of his 2014 redshirt freshman season, seeing brief action against Colorado and Washington State, then he started 3 late-season games (Washington State, California, UCLA) at left guard. He hurt his knee in 2014 fall camp and that sidelined him for the Fresno State game.

(1) DARREUS ROGERS
Wide Receiver, 6-1, 215, So./So., Compton, CA (Carson HS)

CAREER: He has 41 catches for 429 yards (10.5 avg) with 4 TDs in his career, plus 2 punt returns for 10 yards (5.0 avg), an 11-yard kickoff return, a 5-yard run and 2 tackles. He has 3 career starts.

2014: The sure-handed Rogers played a key role at wide receiver as a sophomore in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 19 receptions for 235 yards (12.4 avg) with 4 TDs, plus 1 punt return for 5 yards (5.0 avg), 1 kickoff return for 11 yards (11.0 avg), 1 carry for 5 yards (5.0 avg) and 1 tackle.

He had 5 catches for 60 yards against Fresno State, a 14-yard TD reception at Boston College and he caught a 48-yard Hail Mary at the end of the first half against Oregon State. He had 4 catches for 34 yards and also had a tackle against Arizona State, 2 grabs for 20 yards at Arizona, an 8-yard catch and a 5-yard punt return against Colorado and 2 catches for 20 yards (with a 4-yard TD) and had a 5-yard run at Utah. He had an 11-yard kickoff return against California, an 11-yard reception at UCLA and 2 catches for 20 yards with a 6-yard TD against Notre Dame.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	22	257	11.7	0	29	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	19	235	12.4	4	48	1	5	5.0	0	5
CAREER...	41	429	10.5	4	48	1	5	5.0	0	5

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Fr.)...	1	5	5.0	0	5	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	1	5	5.0	0	5	1	11	11.0	0	11
CAREER.....	2	10	5.0	0	5	1	11	11.0	0	11

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2013 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	1	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	2	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH DARREUS ROGERS

2014

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.	5	60	12.0	0	18	0	0	0.0	0	0
Bost. Coll.	1	14	14.0	1	14	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ore. St.	1	48	48.0	1	48	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.	4	34	8.5	0	10	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	2	20	10.0	0	14	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	1	8	8.0	0	8	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	2	20	10.0	1	16	1	5	5.0	0	5
UCLA	1	11	11.0	0	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	2	20	10.0	1	14	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (So.)...	19	235	12.4	4	48	1	5	5.0	0	5

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Colorado	1	5	5.0	0	5	0	0	0.0	0	0
California	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	11	11.0	0	11
2014 (So.)...	1	5	5.0	0	5	1	11	11.0	0	11
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(40) JABARI RUFFIN
Outside Linebacker, 6-3, 240, So.*/Jr., Downey, CA (Downey HS)

2014: Ruffin was set to compete for starting time at outside linebacker as a sophomore in 2014, but instead was sidelined all season after tearing left knee ligaments in 2014 fall camp.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2013 (Fr.)...	22	1/8	0	0

(56) ANTHONY SARAO
Inside Linebacker, 6-0, 220, Jr.*/Sr., Egg Harbor Township, NJ (Holy Spirit HS)

CAREER: He has 154 tackles, including 6.5 for losses (with 3 sacks), with 2 fumble recoveries, a forced fumble, 5 deflections and 2 interceptions (with a TD) in his career. He has 20 career starts.

2014: The experienced Sarao started all 12 games at inside linebacker as a junior in 2014. Overall in 2014, he had 70 tackles, 3 deflections and a team-best 2 interceptions (with 1 TD). He won **USC's Co-Lifter of the Year Award**.

He had a tackle and an interception against Fresno State, a game-high 11 tackles at Stanford, 5 stops at Boston College, 4 tackles and a deflection against Oregon State, 5 tackles and a deflection against Arizona State and 3 tackles at Arizona. He had a game-best 12 tackles against Colorado, 8 tackles at Utah, 5 tackles at Washington State and 8 tackles against California. He returned an interception 17 yards for a TD on UCLA's second play of the game and he also had 3 tackles and a deflection, then added 5 tackles against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2012 (Fr.)...	40	4/38	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2013 (So.)...	44	2.5/9	1	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	70	0/0	3	0	2	25	12.5	1	17
CAREER.....	154	6.5/47	5	2	2	25	12.5	1	17

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ANTHONY SARAO

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	1	0/0	0	0	1	8	8.0	0	8
Stanford*	11	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Bost. Coll.*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ore. St.*	4	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	5	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	12	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	8	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	8	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	3	0/0	1	0	1	17	17.0	1	17
Notre Dame*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	70	0/0	3	0	2	25	12.5	1	17
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(13) KEVON SEYMOUR
Cornerback, 6-0, 185, Jr./Jr., Pasadena, CA (Muir HS)

CAREER: He has 100 tackles (3 for a loss), 18 deflections, 1 fumble recovery and 2 interceptions in his career, along with 7 kickoff returns for 92 yards (13.1 avg). He has 22 career starts.

2014: Seymour started for his second season at cornerback as a junior in 2014. Overall in 2014, he has 47 tackles, including 1 for a loss, plus a team-best 12 deflections, an interception and a fumble recovery.

He had 3 tackles and 3 deflections against Fresno State, 5 tackles at Stanford, 3 tackles at Boston College, 3 tackles and 2 deflections against Oregon State, 4 tackles and 3 deflections against Arizona State, 6 tackles at Arizona, 3 tackles, an interception and a deflection against Colorado, a tackle and 2 deflections at Utah, 7 tackles and a deflection at Washington State, 8 tackles (1 for a loss) and a fumble recovery against California, 3 tackles at UCLA and a tackle against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2012 (Fr.)...	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2013 (So.)...	48	2/3	6	0	1	17	17.0	0	17
2014 (Jr.)...	47	1/5	12	1	1	23	23.0	0	23
CAREER.....	100	3/8	18	1	2	40	20.0	0	23

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (So.)...	7	92	13.1	0	33

GAME-BY-GAME WITH KEVON SEYMOUR

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	3	0/0	3	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Bost. Coll.*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ore. St.*	3	0/0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	4	0/0	3	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	6	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	3	0/0	1	0	1	23	23.0	0	23
Utah*	1	0/0	2	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.*	7	0/0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	8	1/5	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	3	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame	1	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	47	1/5	12	1	1	23	23.0	0	23
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(6) JOSH SHAW
Cornerback-Safety, 6-1, 200, Sr.*/Sr., Palmdale, CA (Palmdale HS/Florida)

CAREER: In his 4-year college career at Florida and USC, he has 121 tackles (including 8.5 for losses), 14 deflections and 6 interceptions with 23 starts. At USC, he has 99 tackles, including 7.5 for losses, plus 13 deflections and 6 interceptions while starting 22 games.

2014: Shaw, USC's most versatile and reliable defensive back (he has started at cornerback and safety),was suspended indefinitely from all team activities late in 2014 fall camp and missed USC's first 10 games as a senior cornerback. He was reinstated mid-week of the UCLA game week and appeared in 2 games (UCLA and Notre Dame), getting 2 overall tackles (1 in each game). He started against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2011 (Fr.)#...	22	1/1	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2012 (So.)##.	30	2/3	6	0	2	14	7.0	0	14
2013 (Jr.)##..	67	5.5/17	7	0	4	51	12.8	1	35
2014 (Sr.)##.	2	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
USC CAREER##	99	7.5/20	13	0	6	65	10.8	1	35
COMBINED	121	8.5.21	14	0	6	65	10.8	1	35

	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (Jr.)##...	0	14	0.0	1	14

#At Florida
##At USC

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JOSH SHAW

2014##

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
UCLA	1	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame*	1	0/0	0	0
2014 (Sr.)##...	2	0/0	0	0

##At USC
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(17) DEVIAN SHELTON
Cornerback, 6-1, 180, So.*/Jr., Inglewood, CA (Inglewood HS)

2014: Shelton did not see any action as a sophomore cornerback in 2014. An ankle injury suffered in 2014 fall camp slowed him for USC's first 3 games.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2013 (Fr.)...	2	0/0	2	0

(52) DELVON SIMMONS
Defensive Tackle, 6-5, 295, Jr.*/Sr., McKeesport, PA (McKeesport HS/Texas Tech)

2014: The experienced Simmons, who sat out the 2013 season after transferring, started at defensive tackle as a junior in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in all 12 games and starting 9 times (all but Fresno State, Stanford, California), with 1 start coming at nose tackle (Washington State), he had 43 tackles, including 2.5 for losses (with 1 sack), plus a fumble recovery, a deflection and a blocked field goal.

He had 3 tackles against Fresno State, then he recovered a fumble and blocked a field goal at Stanford. He had 6 tackles at Boston College, a tackle for a loss against Oregon State, 4 tackles and a deflection against Arizona State, 7 tackles (0.5 for loss) at Arizona, 7 tackles against Colorado, 5 tackles at Utah, a sack at Washington State and 2 tackles against California. He had 6 tackles at UCLA and 1 against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2011 (Fr.)#...	13	1.5/8	0	0
2012 (So.)#...	27	6/16	2	0
2014 (Jr.)##...	43	2.5/7	2###	1
TT CAREER#	40	7.5/24	2	0
COMBINED	83	10/31	4###	1

#At Texas Tech
##At USC
###Includes 1 blocked field goal

GAME-BY-GAME WITH DELVON SIMMONS

2014##

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.	3	0/0	0	0
Stanford	0	0/0	1###	1
Bost. Coll.*	6	0/0	0	0
Ore. St.*	1	1/2	0	0
Arizona St.*	4	0/0	1	1
Arizona*	7	0.5/0	0	0
Colorado*	7	0/0	0	0
Utah*	5	0/0	0	0
Wash. St.*	1	1/5	0	0
California	2	0/0	0	0
UCLA*	6	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame*	1	0/0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)##...	43	2.5/7	2###	1

###Includes 1 blocked field goal
##At USC

(68) JORDAN SIMMONS
Offensive Guard, 6-4, 350, So.*/Jr., Inglewood, CA (Crespi HS)

2014: Simmons, a sophomore offensive guard in 2014 coming off a 2013 knee injury, saw brief action at Boston College, then hurt his knee prior to the Oregon State game and was sidelined the rest of 2014. He sat out 2014 spring practice while recovering from a 2013 knee injury.

(25) LAMONT SIMMONS
Cornerback, 6-2, 185, Fr./Fr., Jacksonville, FL (Raines HS)

2014: Simmons redshirted as a freshman cornerback at USC in 2014, his first year at USC.

(9) JUJU SMITH
Wide Receiver, 6-2, 210, Fr./Fr., Long Beach, CA (Poly HS)

2014: Smith had an impressive debut campaign as a first-year freshman wide receiver and on special teams in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in all 12 games and starting 11 times (all but Boston College), he had 51 receptions for 658 yards (12.9 avg) with 5 TDs, plus 2 carries for 3 yards (1.5 avg), 6 kickoff returns for 51 yards (8.5 avg) and 2 tackles. He made the **2014 All-Pac-12 second team** (as an all-purpose/special teams player), as well as **CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American honorable mention**. He won **USC's John McKay Award** (competitive spirit).

He had 123 yards (more than any USC first-year freshman has had in a season opener) on 4 catches and a 1-yard rush against Fresno State. He then had a catch for minus 2 yards at Stanford, added 6 catches for 49 yards and he had a tackle at Boston College, had 3 catches for 13 yards and returned a kickoff 18 yards against Oregon State, caught 4 passes for 24 yards and returned a kickoff 19 yards against Arizona State and had 4 catches for 39 yards, a 2-yard run on a lateral and a 1-yard kickoff return at Arizona. He had 4 receptions for 104 yards (with a 7-yard TD) against Colorado, added 6 catches for 77 yards (with a 10-yard TD) and had a 12-yard kickoff return at Utah. At Washington State, he caught 6 passes for 74 yards with a USC freshman record-tying 3 TDs (22, 22 and 7 yards), joining R. Jay Soward, Mike Williams, Dwayne Jarrett and Robert Woods in the Trojan record book. He had 4 grabs for 30 yards against California, 4 catches for 79 yards at UCLA and 5 catches for 48 yards (he also had a tackle) against Notre Dame.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2014 (Fr.)...	51	658	12.9	5	53	2	3	1.5	0	2

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Fr.)...	6	51	8.5	0	19	2	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH JUJU SMITH

2014

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	4	123	30.8	0	53	0	0	0.0	0	0
Stanford*	1	-2	-2.0	0	-2	0	0	0.0	0	0
Bost. Coll.	6	49	8.2	0	13	2	1	0.5	0	1
Ore. St.*	3	13	4.3	0	8	1	18	18.0	0	18
Arizona St.*	4	24	6.0	0	10	1	19	19.0	0	19
Arizona*	4	39	9.8	0	24	1	1	1.0	0	1
Colorado*	4	104	26.0	1	45	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	6	77	12.8	1	23	1	12	12.0	0	12
Wash. St.*	6	74	12.3	3	22	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	4	30	7.5	0	10	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	4	79	19.8	0	31	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	5	48	9.6	0	22	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Fr.)...	51	658	12.9	5	53	6	51	8.5	0	19

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WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT JUJU SMITH

Jake Davidson, Daily Trojan: **"JuJu Smith is a physical phenom with the potential to go down as the best Trojan receiver ever. His rare mix of speed and power combined with a penchant for elusive moves is truly remarkable."**

(60) VIANE TALAMAIVAO
Offensive Guard, 6-3, 330, Fr./Fr., Moreno Valley, CA (Centennial HS)

2014: Talamaivao started USC's final 10 games of 2014 at right offense guard as a first-year freshman. He saw action in all 12 games of 2014. He made **2014 All-Pac-12 honorable mention**, as well as the **CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American first team and Scout Freshman All-American second team**.

(58) J.R. TAVAI
Outside Linebacker, 6-2, 250, Sr./Sr., Redondo Beach, CA (Mira Costa HS)

CAREER: He has 124 tackles (including 22.5 for losses, with 10.5 sacks), 3 deflections, 3 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery in his career. He has 19 career starts.

2014: The seasoned Tavai made an impact as a starting outside linebacker as a senior in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in 10 games (he strained left knee ligaments at Utah and missed the next 2 games, Washington State and California) and starting 8 times (all but Colorado, Washington State, California, UCLA), he had 47 tackles, including 12 for losses (with a team-best 7 sacks), plus 2 deflections, a fumble recovery and a team-best 3 forced fumbles. He made **2014 All-Pac-12 honorable mention**. He won **USC's Chris Carlisle Courage Award**. He is 25th nationally in forced fumbles (0.3, third in Pac-12).

He had 5 tackles, including 1 for a loss, against Fresno State, then at Stanford he had 5 tackles (with a sack) and forced a fumble that USC recovered as the Cardinal was driving late in the game. He had 6 tackles, with a sack, at Boston College, 4 tackles (1 for a loss) against Oregon State, 6 tackles and a deflection against Arizona State, 2 tackles, a fumble recovery and a deflection at Arizona and 7 tackles (with 1.5 sacks) against Colorado. He had 6 tackles (2 for a loss) and forced a fumble at the USC 1-yard line that the Trojans recovered at Utah. He had a tackle at UCLA, then had 4.5 tackles for a loss (including 3.5 sacks) among his 5 tackles and he also forced a fumble against Notre Dame to earn **College Football Performance Awards National Linebacker of the Week** honors.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2011 (Fr.)...	4	0/0	0	0
2012 (So.)...	17	2.5/5	1	0
2013 (Jr.)...	56	8/43	0	0
2014 (Sr.)...	47	12/67	2	1
CAREER.....	124	22.5/115	3	1

GAME-BY-GAME WITH J.R. TAVAI

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.*	5	1/3	0	0
Stanford*	5	1/7	0	0
Bost. Coll.*	6	1/11	0	0
Ore. St.*	4	1/1	0	0
Arizona St.*	6	0/0	1	0
Arizona*	2	0/0	1	1
Colorado	7	1.5/10	0	0
Utah*	6	2/4	0	0
UCLA	1	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame*	5	4.5/31	0	0
2014 (Sr.)...	47	12/67	2	1

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(82) RANDALL TELFER
Tight End, 6-4, 260, Sr.*/Sr., Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Rancho Cucamonga HS)

CAREER: He has 63 catches for 630 yards (10.0 avg.) with 12 TDs in his career, plus a 2-yard kickoff return and 3 tackles. He has 33 career starts.

2014: The often-used and productive Telfer started all season at tight end as a senior in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in all 12 games (starting all but California), he had 19 receptions for 179 yards (9.4 avg) with 2 TDs. He made **2014 All-Pac-12 honorable mention**. He was named **USC's Most Inspirational Player**. He was limited in 2014 spring practice following post-season arthroscopic surgery on his knee.

He caught 2 passes for 35 yards at Boston College, then had 2 receptions for 29 against Oregon State. He had 3 catches for 18 yards against Arizona State, 2 catches for 15 yards at Arizona, 4 receptions for 19 yards against Colorado, then had a 21-yard reception at Utah. He had 2 catches for 14 yards, with a 15-yard TD, against California, then had 3 catches for 28 yards, with a 9-yard TD, against Notre Dame.

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2011 (Fr.)...	26	273	10.5	5	44	1	2	2.0	0	2
2012 (So.)...	12	100	8.3	4	23	0	0	0.0	0	0
2013 (Jr.)...	6	78	13.0	1	29	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Sr.)...	19	179	9.4	2	21	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	63	630	10.0	12	44	1	2	2.0	0	2

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2011 (Fr.)...	1	0/0	1#	0
2012 (So.)...	0	0/0	1#	0
2013 (Jr.)...	2	0/0	0	0
CAREER.....	3	0/0	2##	0

#Includes 1 blocked field goal
##Includes 2 blocked field goals

GAME-BY-GAME WITH RANDALL TELFER

2014

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Bost. Coll.*	2	35	17.5	0	18
Ore. St.*	2	29	14.5	0	18
Arizona St.*	3	18	6.0	0	11
Arizona*	2	15	7.5	0	10
Colorado*	4	19	4.8	0	9
Utah*	1	21	21.0	0	21
California	2	14	7.0	1	15
Notre Dame*	3	28	9.3	1	13
2014 (Sr.)...	19	179	9.4	2	21

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(98) CODY TEMPLE
Defensive Tackle, 6-2, 310, Jr.*/Sr., Bakersfield, CA (Liberty HS)

2014: Temple served as the backup nose tackle and played on special teams as a junior in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in all 12 games, he had 8 tackles, including 2 for losses (with a sack). He was limited in 2014 spring practice while recovering from a 2013 ankle injury. He had a sack against Fresno State, 2 tackles against both Boston College and Arizona State, 2 tackles (1 for a loss) against Colorado and a tackle at Utah.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Jr.)...	8	2/11	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH CODY TEMPLE

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.	1	1/10	0	0
Bost. Coll.	2	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.	2	0/0	0	0
Colorado	2	1/1	0	0
Utah	1	0/0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	8	2/11	0	0

(93) GREG TOWNSEND JR.
Defensive End, 6-3, 275, Jr.*/Sr., Los Angeles, CA (Beverly Hills HS)

CAREER: He has 24 tackles, including 4.5 for losses (with 3.5 sacks), in his career. He has 2 career starts.

2014: Townsend was a backup defensive end as a junior in 2014. He was limited during 2014 spring practice while recovering from 2013 knee and ankle injuries. Overall in 2014 while appearing in 9 games (all but Stanford, Boston College, Oregon State) and starting twice (Washington State, California), he had 9 tackles, including 3 for losses (with 2 sacks). He had chicken pox prior to the Stanford game and was sidelined for the Stanford and Boston College games.

He had 2 tackles against Fresno State, then 2 tackles (with 1 for a loss) against Colorado, 2 more tackles at Utah, a sack at Washington State and then a tackle each against California and UCLA.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2012 (Fr.)...	15	1.5/6	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	9	3/14	0	0
CAREER.....	24	4.5/20	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH GREG TOWNSEND JR.

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.	2	0/0	0	0
Colorado	2	2/5	0	0
Utah	2	0/0	0	0
Wash. St.*	1	1/9	0	0
California*	1	0/0	0	0
UCLA	1	0/0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	9	3/14	0	0

*Starter

(34) OLAJUWON TUCKER
Inside Linebacker, 6-3, 220, Fr./Fr., Harbor City, CA (Serra HS)

2014: Tucker was a backup inside linebacker as a first-year freshman in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in 7 games (all but Stanford, Utah, California, UCLA, Notre Dame), he made 3 tackles (1 each against Fresno State, Colorado and Washington State).

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2014 (Fr.)...	3	0/0	0	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH OLAJUWON TUCKER

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.	1	0/0	0	0
Colorado	1	0/0	0	0
Wash. St.	1	0/0	0	0
2014 (Fr.)...	3	0/0	0	0

(75) MAX TUERK
Center, 6-6, 285, Jr./Jr., Trabuco Canyon, CA (Santa Margarita HS)

CAREER: He has 32 career starts (14 at left guard, 12 at center, 5 at left tackle, 1 at right tackle).

2014: Tuerk, a 3-year starter who is USC's most versatile offensive lineman (he has started at every position on the line), started all 12 games at center as a junior in 2014. He made the **2014 All-Pac-12 first team** as well as the **ESPN.com All-Pac-12 first team, Athlon All-Pac-12 first team and CollegeSportsMadness.com All-Pac-12 first team**. He won **USC's Offensive Lineman of the Year Award**.

	KOR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2013 (So.)...	1	1	1.0	0	1

(31) SOMA VAINUKU
Fullback, 6-0, 270, Jr.*/Sr., Eureka, CA (Eureka HS)

CAREER: In his career, he has 144 yards on 22 carries (6.5 avg) with 2 TDs, 17 receptions for 124 yards (7.3 avg) with 1 TD, 2 punt returns for 16 yards (8.0 avg), 24 tackles and 3 blocked punts (with 1 for a safety). He has 9 career starts.

2014: Vainuku saw key action at fullback and on special teams as a junior in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in 9 games (all but Colorado, Utah, Washington State) and starting twice (Stanford, Boston College), he had 7 carries for 40 yards (5.7 avg) with 1 TD along with 5 tackles. He strained his hamstring at Arizona and missed the next 3 games (Colorado, Utah, Washington State). He was slowed in 2014 spring practice with a knee injury.

He had 24 yards on 2 carries, including an 11-yard TD, and a tackle against Fresno State. He then ran 2 times for 5 yards at Stanford, had an 11-yard run at Boston College and had a carry for no yards and 2 tackles on special teams against Oregon State. He had a tackle against California, 1 carry for no yards at UCLA and a tackle against Notre Dame.

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2012 (Fr.)...	7	26	3.7	0	11	8	50	6.2	0	16
2013 (So.)...	8	78	9.8	1	52	9	74	8.2	1	15
2014 (Jr.)...	7	40	5.7	1	13	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	22	144	6.5	2	52	17	124	7.3	1	16

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	PR	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2012 (Fr.)...	6	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2013 (So.)...	13	0/0	3#	0	2##	16	8.0	0	13
2014 (Jr.)...	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
CAREER.....	24	0/0	3#	0	2##	16	8.0	0	13

#Includes 3 blocked punts
##Includes 1 return for a safety

GAME-BY-GAME WITH SOMA VAINUKU

2014

	TCB	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.	2	24	12.0	1	13	1	0/0	0	0
Stanford*	2	5	2.5	0	4	0	0/0	0	0
Bost. Coll.*	1	11	11.0	0	11	0	0/0	0	0
Ore. St.	1	0	0.0	0	0	2	0/0	0	0
California	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0/0	0	0
UCLA	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0
Notre Dame	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0/0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	7	40	5.7	1	13	5	0/0	0	0

*Starter

(70) AUNDREY WALKER
Offensive Guard-Offensive Tackle, 6-6, 315, Sr./Sr., Cleveland, OH (Glenville HS)

CAREER: He has 18 career starts.

2014: Walker, who has notched starts at offensive guard and tackle in his USC career, served as a backup tackle and guard as a senior in 2014. He saw action in 6 games in 2014 (Oregon State, Arizona State, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Notre Dame), but did not start. He sat out 2014 spring practice while recovering from a 2013 ankle injury.

(72) CHAD WHEELER
Offensive Tackle, 6-7, 280, So.*/Jr., Santa Monica, CA (Santa Monica HS)

CAREER: He has 22 career starts.

2014: Wheeler started USC's first 8 games at left offensive tackle as a sophomore in 2014, but he tore ligaments in his right knee at Utah (although he played a full series with the injury) and missed the final 5 games. He won **USC's Bob Chandler Award** (athletics/academics/character).

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2013 (Fr.)...	0	0/0	1#	0

#Includes 1 blocked field goal

(94) LEONARD WILLIAMS
Defensive End, 6-5, 300, Jr./Jr., Daytona Beach, FL (Mainland HS)

CAREER: He has 209 tackles, including 35.5 for losses (with 20 sacks), 7 deflections, 5 forced fumbles, 4 fumble recoveries and 2 interceptions in his career. He has 34 career starts.

2014: Williams is among college football's best defensive linemen as a junior end in 2014. Overall in 2014 while starting all 12 games, he had 71 tackles, including 8.5 for losses (with 6 sacks), plus 1 interception, 3 deflections, a team-best 3 forced fumbles and a fumble recovery. He became USC's first 2-time All-American first team defensive end since Marlin McKeever in 1959-60 when he was named to the **2014 Football Coaches All-American first team, ESPN.com All-American first team, Lindy's All-American first team and CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American first team, as well as the AP All-American second team, Walter Camp All-American second team, USA Today All-American second team, SI.com All-American second team, CBSSports.com All-American second team and Athlon All-American second team**. He made the **2014 All-Pac-12 first team,** as well as the **ESPN.com All-Pac-12 first team, Athlon All-Pac-12 first team and CollegeSportsMadness.com All-Pac-12 first team**. He was among 6 **finalists for the Hendricks Awards**, 12 **semifinalists for the 2014 Lombardi Award**, 20 **semifinalists for the Bednarik Award** and 9 **semifinalists for the Lott IMPACT Trophy**. He won **USC's MVP and Defensive Lineman of the Year Award**. He sat out 2014 spring practice while recovering from a 2013 shoulder injury.

He had 7 tackles, a point-blank interception and 2 deflections against Fresno State, then at Stanford (despite his playing status being in doubt because of a sprained ankle) he had a game-high 11 tackles with a sack to earn **Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week** honors. He had 5 tackles at Boston College, 4 tackles, including a sack, against Oregon State and 3 tackles (0.5 for loss) against Arizona State. At Arizona, he had 8 tackles (with 2 sacks) and forced a fumble near the goal line that USC recovered. He had 7 tackles (0.5 sack) against Colorado, 6 tackles (1 for a loss) and 2 forced fumbles at Utah, 3 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection at Washington State, 8 tackles (with 1.5 sacks) against California, 4 tackles and a fumble recovery at UCLA and 5 tackles against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
2012 (Fr.)...	64	13.5/46	4	2	1	24	24.0	0	24
2013 (So.)...	74	13.5/50	0	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	71	8.5/47	3	1	1	10	10.0	0	10
CAREER.....	209	35.5/143	7	4	2	34	17.0	0	24

GAME-BY-GAME WITH LEONARD WILLIAMS

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Fresno St.*	7	0/0	2	0	1	10	10.0	0	10
Stanford*	11	1/3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Bost. Coll.*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Ore. St.*	4	1/14	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona St.*	3	0.5/1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Arizona*	8	2/3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Colorado*	7	0.5/3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Utah*	6	1/4	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wash. St.*	3	1/6	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
California*	8	1.5/13	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCLA*	4	0/0	0	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Notre Dame*	5	0/0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)...	71	8.5/47	3	1	1	10	10.0	0	10

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WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT LEONARD WILLIAMS

David Shaw, Stanford head coach: **"You ask [the scouts] the question 'Who is the best offensive player you've seen? Who is the best defensive player you've seen?...All of them said Leonard Williams at USC [on defense]. It's not just me, everybody sees it."**

Rich Rodriguez, Arizona head coach: **"He's so athletic that you can have guys assigned to him and sometimes two guys assigned to him. He is strong enough where he doesn't have to use his athleticism because he can bull rush you. He has all the characteristics you want in a defensive lineman."**

Ted Miller, ESPN.com: **"Williams has great length and athleticism and surprising power. He is the centerpiece of what might be the Pac-12's best defense."**

Gary Klein, Los Angeles Times: **"USC's junior defensive lineman is regarded as a first-round pick in the 2015 NFL draft."**

Ryan Abraham, USCFootball.com: **"He is arguably the best player on the team, best player in the conference and with a big year could be touted as the best player in the country."**

Brent Sobleski, CollegeFootballTalk.com: **"Williams is the most talented player on USC's roster. He's projected as a possible No. 1 overall pick in the 2015 NFL draft. It's not out of the realm of possibility to think Williams will put together a season like Ndamukong Suh did in 2009 and establish himself as the most dominant defender in college football."**

Paul Myerberg, USA Today Sports: **"Leonard Williams (is) the most impressive total-package lineman in college football and, just perhaps, the nation's most impressive defender, period. He's everything you'd need: Williams is 290 pounds but moves like he's 40 pounds lighter, balancing immense strength and leverage with a brutally quick and near-unstoppable first step."**

Steve Sarkisian, USC head coach: **"He's a tough matchup. And he plays the game very hard. He plays with amazing effort. He enjoys being out here. As big as he is, that guy's got a bundle of energy. Fortunately as hard as it is that we have to face Leonard every day during practice, we don't have to face him every Saturday during the season…For all the talent he has, he works as hard or harder than anybody on our practice field. Leonard really sets the tone for us up front. It's a great thing when arguably your best player plays with the most effort. It sends a real message to the rest of your defense…He's working to play beyond what his talent says he should play."**

Michael Lev, Orange County Register: **"Williams is both. He is USC's best player and its most irreplaceable. He's just that good. A projected top-five pick in next year's NFL draft should he choose to enter it, the 6-foot-5, 300-pound Williams is both a stout run defender and ferocious pass rusher."**

Mel Kiper Jr., ESPN draft analyst: **"At his size, he's a special athlete who could line up as a defensive end and drive a tackle back or line up on the outside shoulder of a guard and create problems with power and quickness as well. He's the kind of disruptive, versatile lineman who can succeed in any system."**

(99) ANTWAUN WOODS
Defensive Tackle, 6-1, 325, Jr.*/Sr., Los Angeles, CA (Taft HS)

CAREER: He has 72 tackles, including 7.5 for losses (with 5 sacks), and 2 deflections in his career. He has 20 career starts.

2014: Woods started for his second season at nose tackle as a junior in 2014. Overall in 2014 while appearing in all 12 games and starting 10 times (all but Washington State and California), he had 37 tackles, including a sack, and he added a deflection. He tore a chest muscle prior to the Holiday Bowl and had surgery, ending his season.

He had 2 tackles against Fresno State, 3 at Boston College, 4 against Oregon State, 2 against Arizona State, 3 at Arizoina and 4 against Colorado. He added 6 tackles and a deflection at Utah, then had a tackle at Washington State and 2 tackles against California. He had 6 tackles (with a sack) at UCLA, then 4 tackles against Notre Dame.

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
2012 (Fr.)…	16	4.5/15	0	0
2013 (So.)…	19	2/10	1	0
2014 (Jr.)…	37	1/3	1	0
CAREER…….	72	7.5/28	2	0

GAME-BY-GAME WITH ANTWAUN WOODS

2014

	TAC	LS/YDS	DFL	FR
Fresno St.*	2	0/0	0	0
Bost. Coll.*	3	0/0	0	0
Ore. St.*	4	0/0	0	0
Arizona St.*	2	0/0	0	0
Arizona*	3	0/0	0	0
Colorado*	4	0/0	0	0
Utah*	6	0/0	1	0
Wash. St.	1	0/0	0	0
California	2	0/0	0	0
UCLA*	6	1/3	0	0
Notre Dame*	4	0/0	0	0
2014 (Jr.)…	37	1/3	1	0

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2014 USC ALL-STAR HONORS

WR NELSON AGHOLOR
Biletnikoff Award semifinalist
CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American first team (as WR)
AP All-American third team
CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American third team (as PR)
Athlon All-American third team
SI.com All-American honorable mention
All-Pac-12 first team
ESPN.com All-Pac-12 first team
Athlon All-Pac-12 first team (as WR)
Athlon All-Pac-12 second team (as PR)
CollegeSportsMadness.com All-Pac-12 first team (as WR)
CollegeSportsMadness.com All-Pac-12 second team (as PR)
USC Offensive Perimeter Player of the Year
College Football Performance Awards Nat'l. PR of the Week (vs. Arizona St.)
Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (vs. Washington State)
College Football Performance Awards Nat'l. PR of the Week (vs. Wash. St.)
Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week (vs. California)
College Football Performance Awards Nat'l. WR of the Week (vs. California)
College Sports Madness Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week (vs. California)

TB JAVORIUS ALLEN
Doak Walker Award semifinalist
Maxwell Award semifinalist
CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American third team
All-Pac-12 first team
Athlon All-Pac-12 first team
CollegeSportsMadness.com All-Pac-12 first team
USC Jack Oakie "Rise and Shine" Award
Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Arizona)
SEVEN Magazine Royal Purple Las Vegas Bowl Pac-12 Player of Wk. (vs. Ariz.)

OT ZACH BANNER
CollegeFootballNews.com Sophomore All-American honorable mention

QB MAX BROWNE
USC Lifters Award

OLB CHARLES BURKS
Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention

S-OLB SU'A CRAVENS
AP All-American third team
Athlon All-American third team
SI.com All-American honorable mention
CollegeFootballNews.com Sophomore All-American first team
All-Pac-12 first team
Athlon All-Pac-12 first team
USC Defensive Perimeter Player of the Year
Chuck Bednarik National Defensive Player of the Week (vs. Oregon State)

QB JALEN GREENE
USC Offensive Service Team Player of the Year.

CB-WR-RET ADOREE' JACKSON
CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American second team (as KOR)
Scout Freshman All-American first team
CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American first team
ESPN.com True Freshman All-American first team
247Sports True Freshman All-American first team
Pac-12 Defensive Freshman of the Year
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
Athlon All-Pac-12 second team (as AP)
CollegeSportsMadness.com All-Pac-12 first team
College Football Performance Awards Na'l. KOR of the Week (vs. Utah)
Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week (vs. Utah)

QB CODY KESSLER
Manning Award finalist
Unitas Golden Arm Award finalist
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
CollegeSportsMadness.com All-Pac-12 third team
USC Trojan Way Leadership Award
USC Player of the Notre Dame Game Award
Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Fresno State)
Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Colorado)
Walter Camp National Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Colorado)
College Football Performance Awards Nat'l. Performer of Week (vs. Colo.)
College Football Performance Awards Nat'l. QB of the Week (vs. Colorado)
College Sports Madness National Player of the Week (vs. Colorado)
College Sports Madness Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Colorado)
College Sports Madness Pac-12 Offensive Player of Week (vs. Wash. St.)
Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Notre Dame)
College Sports Madness Pac-12 Offensive Player of Week (vs. Notre Dame)

WR ROBBY KOLANZ
Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention

OG-OT TOA LOBENDAHN
Scout Freshman All-American first team
ESPN.com True Freshman All-American first team
247Sports True Freshman All-American first team
CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American second team
All-Pac-12 honorable mention

QB ANTHONY NEYER
USC Howard Jones/Football Alumni Club Academic Award

ILB REUBEN PETERS
USC Defensive Service Team Player of the Year

OLB QUINTON POWELL
USC Special Teams Player of the Year

ILB HAYES PULLARD
Butkus Award semifinalist
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
CollegeSportsMadness.com All-Pac-12 third team
USC Trojan Commitment Award
Senior Bowl invitee

ILB ANTHONY SARAO
USC Lifters Award

WR JUJU SMITH
CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American honorable mention
All-Pac-12 second team (as AP/SPT)
USC John McKay Award

OG VIANE TALAMAIVAO
CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-American first team
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
Scout Freshman All-American second team

OLB J.R. TAVAI
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
USC Chris Carlisle Courage Award
College Football Performance Awards Nat'l. LB of Week (vs. Notre Dame)

TE RANDALL TELFER
All-Pac-12 honorable mention
USC Most Inspirational Player.

C MAX TUERK
All-Pac-12 first team
ESPN.com All-Pac-12 first team
Athlon All-Pac-12 first team
CollegeSportsMadness.com All-Pac-12 first team
USC Offensive Lineman of the Year

DE LEONARD WILLIAMS
Hendricks Awards finalist
Lombardi Award semifinalist
Bednarik Award semifinalist
Lott IMPACT Trophy semifinalist
Football Coaches All-American first team
ESPN.com All-American first team
Lindy's All-American first team
CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American first team
AP All-American second team
Walter Camp All-American second team
USA Today All-American second team
SI.com All-American second team
CBSSports.com All-American second team
Athlon All-American second team
All-Pac-12 first team
ESPN.com All-Pac-12 first team
Athlon All-Pac-12 first team
CollegeSportsMadness.com All-Pac-12 first team
USC Most Valuable Player
USC Defensive Lineman of the Year
Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week (vs. Stanford)

OT CHAD WHEELER
USC Bob Chandler Award

TE CHRIS WILLSON
USC Community Service Award

2014 USC FOOTBALL STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS	***USC***	***OPP***
SCORING	421	285
Points Per Game	35.1	23.8
Points Off Turnovers	187	112
FIRST DOWNS	286	274
Rushing	113	91
Passing	152	145
Penalty	21	38
RUSHING YARDAGE	1898	1590
Yards gained rushing	2256	1924
Yards lost rushing	358	334
Rushing Attempts	490	410
Average Per Rush	3.9	3.9
Average Per Game	158.2	132.5
TDs Rushing	16	18
PASSING YARDAGE	3535	3188
Comp-Att-Int	295-421-4	290-497-13
Average Per Pass	8.4	6.4
Average Per Catch	12.0	11.0
Average Per Game	294.6	265.7
TDs Passing	36	17
TOTAL OFFENSE	5433	4778
Total Plays	911	907
Average Per Play	6.0	5.3
Average Per Game	452.8	398.2
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	36-763	51-1135
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	21-208	10-171
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	13-212	4-11
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	21.2	22.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	9.9	17.1
INT RETURN AVERAGE	16.3	2.8
FUMBLES-LOST	13-7	20-9
PENALTIES-Yards	103-926	74-668
Average Per Game	77.2	55.7
PUNTS-Yards	60-2435	70-2766
Average Per Punt	40.6	39.5
Net punt average	35.4	35.4
KICKOFFS-Yards	75-4681	53-3208
Average Per Kick	62.4	60.5
Net kick average	39.6	39.1
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	30:59	29:01
3RD-DOWN Conversions	94/194	63/180
3rd-Down Pct	48%	35%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	14/23	14/23
4th-Down Pct	61%	61%
SACKS BY-Yards	30-196	30-213
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	57	37
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	8-10	9-16
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-2	1-4
RED-ZONE SCORES	(43-50) 86%	(34-47) 72%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(37-50) 74%	(25-47) 53%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(55-56) 98%	(32-34) 94%
ATTENDANCE	439630	304262
Games/Avg Per Game	6/73272	6/50710
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	***1st***	***2nd***	***3rd***	***4th***	***Total***
USC	157	103	89	72	421
Opponents	36	96	75	78	285

RUSHING

Player	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Allen, Javorius	12	250	1382	45	1337	5.3	9	53	111.4
Davis, Justin	12	125	585	35	550	4.4	4	47	45.8
Toland IV, James	4	29	115	13	102	3.5	0	16	25.5
Vainuku, Soma	9	7	40	0	40	5.7	1	13	4.4
Browne, Max	6	4	13	0	13	3.2	0	7	2.2
Pinner, Jahleel	12	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	4	0.5
Jackson, Adoree'	12	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	0.4
Neyer, Anthony	1	2	5	0	5	2.5	0	3	5.0
Rogers, Darreus	12	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	0	0.4
Agholor, Nelson	12	3	5	2	3	1.0	0	4	0.2
Smith, JuJu	12	2	3	0	3	1.5	0	2	0.2
Farmer, George	10	2	4	2	2	1.0	0	4	0.2
TEAM	7	10	0	24	-24	-2.4	0	0	-3.4
Kessler, Cody	12	52	88	237	-149	-2.9	2	13	-12.4
Total.....	12	490	2256	358	1898	3.9	16	53	158.2
Opponents.....	12	410	1924	334	1590	3.9	18	66	132.5

PASSING

Player	G	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Kessler, Cody	12	168.82	292-413-4	70.7	3505	36	87	292.1
Browne, Max	6	78.86	3-7-0	42.9	30	0	13	5.0
Harris, Ajene	5	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	12	166.92	295-421-4	70.1	3535	36	87	294.6
Opponents.....	12	118.29	290-497-13	58.4	3188	17	77	265.7

RECEIVING

Player	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Agholor, Nelson	12	97	1223	12.6	11	87	101.9
Smith, JuJu	12	51	658	12.9	5	53	54.8
Allen, Javorius	12	40	442	11.1	1	51	36.8
Farmer, George	10	24	310	12.9	4	48	31.0
Rogers, Darreus	12	19	235	12.4	4	48	19.6
Telfer, Randall	12	19	179	9.4	2	21	14.9
Davis, Justin	12	13	92	7.1	2	16	7.7
Dixon, Bryce	11	10	154	15.4	3	31	14.0
Mitchell, Steven	10	7	82	11.7	2	24	8.2
Jackson, Adoree'	12	7	65	9.3	2	18	5.4
Harris, Ajene	5	4	38	9.5	0	21	7.6
Blackwell, Vict	1	3	54	18.0	0	32	54.0
Pinner, Jahleel	12	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.2
Total.....	12	295	3535	12.0	36	87	294.6
Opponents.....	12	290	3188	11.0	17	77	265.7

FUMBLE RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Pullard, Hayes	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total.....	1	1	1.0	0	1
Opponents.....	1	53	53.0	1	53

PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Agholor, Nelson	18	191	10.6	2	65
Jackson, Adoree'	2	12	6.0	0	10
Rogers, Darreus	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total.....	21	208	9.9	2	65
Opponents.....	10	171	17.1	0	51

KICK RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jackson, Adoree'	20	554	27.7	1	100
Agholor, Nelson	9	147	16.3	0	21
Smith, JuJu	6	51	8.5	0	19
Rogers, Darreus	1	11	11.0	0	11
Total.....	36	763	21.2	1	100
Opponents.....	51	1135	22.3	1	97

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Sarao, Anthony	2	25	12.5	1	17
McQuay III, Leon	2	22	11.0	0	22
Cravens, Su'a	2	47	23.5	1	31
Bowman, Gerald	2	60	30.0	0	36
Williams, Leonard	1	10	10.0	0	10
Seymour, Kevon	1	23	23.0	0	23
Hutchings, Michael	1	6	6.0	0	6
Hawkins, Chris	1	0	0.0	0	0
Pullard, Hayes	1	19	19.0	0	19
Total.....	13	212	16.3	2	36
Opponents.....	4	11	2.8	0	8

SCORING

				PATs					
Player	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Agholor, Nelson	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	78
Heidari, Andre	0	8-10	43-44	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	67
Allen, Javorius	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	60
Davis, Justin	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Smith, JuJu	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Rogers, Darreus	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Farmer, George	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Jackson, Adoree'	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Dixon, Bryce	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Wood, Alex	0	0-0	12-12	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Kessler, Cody	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	12
Mitchell, Steven	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Telfer, Randall	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Vainuku, Soma	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Sarao, Anthony	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Cravens, Su'a	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	57	8-10	55-56	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	421
Opponents.....	37	9-16	32-34	0-1	1	1-1	0	1	285

TOTAL OFFENSE

Player	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Kessler, Cody	12	465	-149	3505	3356	279.7
Allen, Javorius	12	250	1337	0	1337	111.4
Davis, Justin	12	125	550	0	550	45.8
Toland IV, James	4	29	102	0	102	25.5
Browne, Max	6	11	13	30	43	7.2
Vainuku, Soma	9	7	40	0	40	4.4
Pinner, Jahleel	12	2	6	0	6	0.5
Neyer, Anthony	1	2	5	0	5	5.0
Rogers, Darreus	12	1	5	0	5	0.4
Jackson, Adoree'	12	1	5	0	5	0.4
Agholor, Nelson	12	3	3	0	3	0.2
Smith, JuJu	12	2	3	0	3	0.2
Farmer, George	10	2	2	0	2	0.2
TEAM	7	10	-24	0	-24	-3.4
Total.....	12	911	1898	3535	5433	452.8
Opponents.....	12	907	1590	3188	4778	398.2

FIELD GOALS

Player	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Heidari, Andre	8-10	80.0	0-0	3-3	3-5	0-0	2-2	53	0

FG SEQUENCE	USC	OPPONENTS
Fresno State	(27),39	-
Stanford	(25),(53)	49,(33),26
Boston College	(52)	47,(25)
Oregon State	36	(38)
Arizona State	(35),(33)	(19)
Arizona	-	48,(32),(25),34,36
Colorado	-	-
Utah	-	(24)
Washington State	(37)	(27)
California	(25)	-
UCLA	-	(32)
Notre Dame	-	44

*** Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.*

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
Albarado, Kris	53	2204	41.6	65	4	22	15	14	0
Kessler, Cody	7	231	33.0	47	3	0	3	0	0
Total.....	60	2435	40.6	65	7	22	18	14	0
Opponents.....	70	2766	39.5	66	4	23	23	11	0

KICKOFFS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
Wood, Alex	44	2783	63.2	14	0			
Heidari, Andre	30	1844	61.5	9	1			
Albarado, Kris	1	54	54.0	0	0			
Total.....	75	4681	62.4	23	1	1135	39.6	25
Opponents.....	53	3208	60.5	15	1	763	39.1	25

ALL PURPOSE

Player	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Allen, Javorius	12	1337	442	0	0	0	1779	148.2
Agholor, Nelson	12	3	1223	191	147	0	1564	130.3
Smith, JuJu	12	3	658	0	51	0	712	59.3
Davis, Justin	12	550	92	0	0	0	642	53.5
Jackson, Adoree'	12	5	65	12	554	0	636	53.0
Farmer, George	10	2	310	0	0	0	312	31.2
Rogers, Darreus	12	5	235	5	11	0	256	21.3
Telfer, Randall	12	0	179	0	0	0	179	14.9
Dixon, Bryce	11	0	154	0	0	0	154	14.0
Toland IV, James	4	102	0	0	0	0	102	25.5
Mitchell, Steven	10	0	82	0	0	0	82	8.2
Bowman, Gerald	11	0	0	0	0	60	60	5.5
Blackwell, Vict	1	0	54	0	0	0	54	54.0
Cravens, Su'a	12	0	0	0	0	47	47	3.9
Vainuku, Soma	9	40	0	0	0	0	40	4.4
Harris, Ajene	5	0	38	0	0	0	38	7.6
Sarao, Anthony	12	0	0	0	0	25	25	2.1
Seymour, Kevon	12	0	0	0	0	23	23	1.9
McQuay III, Leon	12	0	0	0	0	22	22	1.8
Pullard, Hayes	12	0	0	0	0	19	19	1.6
Browne, Max	6	13	0	0	0	0	13	2.2
Williams, Leonard	12	0	0	0	0	10	10	0.8
Pinner, Jahleel	12	6	3	0	0	0	9	0.8
Hutchings, Michael	12	0	0	0	0	6	6	0.5
Neyer, Anthony	1	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
TEAM	7	-24	0	0	0	0	-24	-3.4
Kessler, Cody	12	-149	0	0	0	0	-149	-12.4
Total.....	12	1898	3535	208	763	212	6616	551.3
Opponents.....	12	1590	3188	171	1135	11	6095	507.9

2014 USC FOOTBALL RESULTS

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	8-4	5-1	3-3	--
CONFERENCE	6-3	3-1	3-2	--
NON-CONFERENCE	2-1	2-0	0-1	--

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Attend.
Aug. 30	**FRESNO STATE**	**W**	**52-13**	**76,037**
Sept. 6	at #13 Stanford *	W	13-10	50,814
Sept. 13	at Boston College	L	31-37	41,632
Sept. 27	**OREGON STATE ***	**W**	**35-10**	**74,521**
Oct. 4	**ARIZONA STATE ***	**L**	**34-38**	**70,115**
Oct. 11	at #10 Arizona *	W	28-26	56,754
Oct. 18	**COLORADO ***	**W**	**56-28**	**74,756**
Oct. 25	at #19 Utah *	L	21-24	47,619
Nov. 1	at Washington State *	W	44-17	25,012
Nov. 13 (Th)	**CALIFORNIA ***	**W**	**38-30**	**64,615**
Nov. 22	at #11 UCLA *	L	20-38	82,431
Nov. 29	**NOTRE DAME**	**W**	**49-14**	**79,586**

* Pac-12 Conference game | Home game in **BOLD**

	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass Defense int-yds	brup	qbh	Fumbles rcv-yds	ff	blocked kick	saf
10	Pullard, Hayes	12	50	37	87	5.5-7	.	1-19	8	.	1-1	.	.	.
94	Williams, Leonard	12	42	29	71	8.5-47	6.0-36	1-10	3	2	1-0	3	.	.
56	Sarao, Anthony	12	34	36	70	.	.	2-25	3	.	.	.	.	.
27	Bowman, Gerald	11	46	21	67	2.5-8	1.0-7	2-60	2	.	.	.	.	.
21	Cravens, Su a	12	44	18	62	16.0-81	5.0-44	2-47	8	.	.	.	.	.
13	Seymour, Kevon	12	40	7	47	1.0-5	.	1-23	12	.	1-0	.	.	.
58	Tavai, J.R.	10	29	18	47	12.0-67	7.0-51	.	2	.	1-0	3	.	.
52	Simmons, Delvon	12	23	20	43	2.5-7	1.0-5	.	1	.	1-0	.	1	.
2	Jackson, Adoree	12	38	4	42	4.0-7	.	.	9	.	1-0	1	.	.
99	Woods, Antwaun	12	17	20	37	1.0-3	1.0-3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
22	McQuay III, Leon	12	28	7	35	0.5-1	.	2-22	3	.	1-0	1	.	.
47	Felix, Scott	12	23	10	33	5.0-28	1.5-8	.	2	.	2-0	1	.	.
4	Hawkins, Chris	11	29	3	32	1.0-2	.	1-0	2	.	.	.	.	.
24	Plattenburg, John	9	21	4	25	1.0-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
19	Hutchings, Michael	12	7	10	17	.	.	1-6	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Pelon, Claude	12	12	5	17	4.5-14	2.5-12	.	2	.	.	.	1	.
18	Powell, Quinton	12	7	6	13	2.0-4	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Nwosu, Uchenna	12	5	4	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Townsend Jr., Greg	9	6	3	9	3.0-14	2.0-13	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
98	Temple, Cody	12	3	5	8	2.0-11	1.0-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Katrib, George	10	1	6	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Vainuku, Soma	9	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Lockett, Jonathan	11	3	1	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
28	Dillard, Ryan	6	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Lopes, Matt	4	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Tucker, Olajuwon	7	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3H	Pinner, Jahleel	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Smith, JuJu	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Shaw, Josh	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Wood, Alex	7	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Foy, Joel	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Burks, Charles	12	1	.	1	1.0-6	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Mitchell, Steven	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
73	Banner, Zach	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Smith, Zach	11	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Augello, Joey	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Albarado, Kris	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Agholor, Nelson	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Rogers, Darreus	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Total	12	533	282	815	73-316	30-196	13-212	60	3	9-1	9	2	.
	Opponents	12	575	362	937	89-356	30-213	4-11	33	6	7-53	7	.	1

2014 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

(USC game highs in **bold face**)

Name	Fres. St.	Stanford	Bost. Col.	Ore. St.	Ariz. St.	Arizona	Colorado	Utah	Wash. St.	California	UCLA	N. Dame
Rushing: TCB-NET-TD												
Allen	**22-133**-1	**23-154**-0	**15-31**-0	**20-115**-1	**29-143**-2	**26-205**-3	**15-128**-1	**27-101**-0	**19-114**-0	**21-60**-0	**14-60**-1	**19-93**-0
Davis	12-30-0	8-20-1	6-10-0	15-82-1	14-67-0	7-28-0	11-97-0	4-9-0	9-44--0	11-45-1	9-37-0	**19**-81-1
Toland	12-47-0	--	--	7-30-0	--	--	4-5-0	--	--	--	--	6-20-0
Vainuku	2-24-1	2-5-0	1-11-0	1-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0	--
Browne	3-10-0	--	--	--	--	--	1-3-0	--	--	--	--	--
Pinner	2-6-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jackson	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-5-0	--
Neyer	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-5-0
Rogers	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-5-0	--	--	--	--
Agholor	--	--	--	1-(-2)-0	1-4-0	--	--	1-1-0	--	--	--	--
J. Smith	1-1-0	--	--	--	--	1-2-0	--	--	--	--	--	--
Farmer	--	--	1-(-2)-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-4-0
TEAM	2-(-2)-0	2-(-3)-0	--	--	--	1-(-2)-0	--	1-(-2)-0	1-(-12)-0	1-(-2)-0	--	1-(-1)-0
Kessler	8-28-1	2-(-20)-0	6-(-30)-0	4-(-25)-0	6-6-1	3-6-0	2-(-20)-0	3-(-14)-0	3-(-19)-0	2-(-24)-0	8-(-40)-0	5-3-0
Passing: PA-PC-INT-YDS-TD												
Kessler	37-**25**-0	22-**15**-0	41-**31**-0	32-**24**-0	45-**28**-0	30-**20**-1	26-**19**-0	32-**24**-1	32-**21**-0	42-**31**-1	34-**22**-1	40-**32**-0
	394-4	**135**-0	**317**-4	**261**-2	**273**-0	**185**-1	**319**-7	**264**-2	**400**-5	**371**-4	**214**-1	**372**-6
Browne	4-3-0	--	--	--	--	--	2-0-0	1-0-0	--	--	--	--
	30-0						0-0	0-0				
Harris	--	--	--	1-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
				0-0								
Receiving: NO-YDS-TD												
Agholor	**5**-57-2	**9-91**-0	**9**-64-1	3-27-0	**9**-85-0	**7**-81-1	**6-128**-3	**10-110**-0	**8-220**-1	**16-216**-2	3-24-0	**12-120**-1
J. Smith	4-**123**-0	1-(-2)-0	6-49-0	3-13-0	4-24-0	4-39-0	4-104-1	6-77-1	6-74-3	4-30-0	4-**79**-0	5-48-0
Allen	1-23-0	--	**9-118**-1	**5**-23-0	4-**86**-0	4-28-0	1-12-0	3-26-0	1-18-0	4-49-0	**7**-42-0	1-17-0
Farmer	3-20-0	4-36-0	2-16-1	2-17-0	2-14-0	--	--	--	3-61-0	2-40-1	2-21-0	4-85-2
Rogers	**5**-60-0	--	1-14-1	1-48-1	4-34-0	2-20-0	1-8-0	2-20-1	--	--	1-11-0	2-20-1
Telfer	--	--	2-35-0	2-29-0	3-18-0	2-15-0	4-19-0	1-21-0	--	2-14-1	--	3-28-1
Davis	2-21-0	1-10-0	--	3-30-1	1-5-0	1-2-0	--	--	1-(-1)-0	--	4-25-1	--
Dixon	1-22-0	--	1-25-0	2-**44**-0	--	--	2-24-2	--	--	--	1-12-0	3-27-0
Mitchell	--	--	--	--	1-7-0	--	1-24-1	1-7-0	2-28-1	1-5-0	--	1-11-0
Jackson	3-36-1	--	1-(-4)-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-17-0	--	1-16-1
Harris	1-8-0	--	--	3-30-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Blackwell	3-54-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pinner	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-3-0	--	--	--	--
Punting: NO-YDS-LONG												
Albarado	--	4-191-55	10-375-54	6-243-57	2-119-65	6-233-48	5-181-44	5-251-61	5-206-52	3-110-43	6-259-52	1-36-36
Kessler	--	--	--	--	4-135-47	--	--	--	1-23-23	--	1-38-38	1-35-35
Punt Returns: NO-YDS-LONG												
Agholor	--	--	5-15-11	2-12-9	3*-58-53	2-26-26	1-14-14	--	2*-71-65	--	3-(-5)-10	--
Jackson	1-10-10	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-2-2	--	--	--	--
Rogers	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-5-5	--	--	--	--	--
*Includes 1 touchdown return												
Kickoff Returns: NO-YDS-LONG												
Jackson	--	--	3-81-50	2-58-35	2-56-32	1-34-34	1-15-15	2*-127-100	3-67-35	3-62-27	3-54-21	--
Agholor	3-43-19	2-34-20	1-17-17	--	--	1-17-17	2-36-21	--	--	--	--	--
J. Smith	--	--	2-1-1	1-18-18	1-19-19	1-1-1	--	1-12-12	--	--	--	--
Rogers	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-11-11	--	--
*Includes 1 touchdown return												
Interceptions: NO-YDS-TD												
Bowman	1-36-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-24-0
Cravens	--	--	--	1-31-1	--	--	1-16-0	--	--	--	--	--
Sarao	1-8-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-17-1	--
McQuay	--	--	--	1-0-0	--	--	--	--	1-22-0	--	--	--
Seymour	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-23-0	--	--	--	--	--
Pullard	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-19-0	--	--	--
Williams	1-10-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hutchings	1-6-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hawkins	--	--	1-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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Defensive Statistics:	**TAC-FOR LOSS-PASS DEF-FUM REC**											
Pullard	**9**-0.5-1-0	7-0-1-0	5-0-1-0	5-0-0-0	**9**-1-0-0	9-0.5-0-0	9-0-2-0	6-0.5-0-0	**9**-0-1-0	7-0-1-0	**9**-2-0-0	3-1-1-1
Williams	7-0-2-0	**11**-1-0-0	5-0-0-0	4-1-0-0	3-0.5-0-0	8-2-0-0	7-0.5-0-0	6-1-0-0	3-1-1-0	8-1.5-0-0	4-0-0-1	5-0-0-0
Sarao	1-0-0-0	**11**-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	4-0-1-0	5-0-1-0	3-0-0-0	**12**-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	3-0-1-0	5-0-0-0
Bowman	5-0-0-0	10-0-0-0	**7**-1-0-0	4-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	9-0-0-0	1-0-1-0	--	1-0-0-0	9-0.5-1-0	6-1-0-0	**7**-0-0-0
Cravens	3-0-2-0	5-0-1-0	5-3-0-0	**6**-2-0-0	5-3.5-0-0	5-1-1-0	2-0-0-0	7-2-1-0	4-1-2-0	**10**-1.5-1-0	4-1-0-0	6-1-0-0
Seymour	3-0-3-0	5-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	3-0-2-0	4-0-3-0	6-0-0-0	3-0-1-0	1-0-0-0	7-0-1-0	8-1-0-1	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0
Tavai	5-1-0-0	5-1-0-0	6-1-0-0	4-1-0-0	6-0-1-0	2-0-1-1	7-1.5-0-0	6-2-0-0	--	--	1-0-0-0	5-4.5-0-0
D. Simmons	3-0-0-0	0-0-1*-1	6-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	4-0-1-0	7-0.5-0-0	7-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	2-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	1-0-0-0
Jackson	1-0-0-0	--	2-2-0-0	1-0-2-0	5-0-0-0	7-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	4-1-1-1	8-1-2-0	5-0-2-0	5-0-1-0	3-0-1-0
Woods	2-0-0-0	--	3-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	6-0-1-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	6-1-0-0	4-0-0-0
McQuay	4-0.5-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	3-0-1-0	2-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	4-0-0-1	5-0-1-0	2-0-1-0	7-0-0-0	1-0-0-0
Felix	3-0-0-0	6-1-0-1	3-0-0-0	1-1-1-0	1-1-0-0	--	4-0-0-0	**9**-1.5-1-0	3-0-0-1	3-0.5-0-0	--	--
Hawkins	1-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	5-0-0-0	9-1-2-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	--	--	2-0-0-0
Plattenburg	--	--	--	--	--	2-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	--	--	4-1-0-0	**7**-0-0-0
Hutchings	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	--	2-0-0-0	--	--	--
Pelon	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-1-0	--	3-1-1*-0	2-1-0-0	--	2-1-0-0	1-1-1-0	3-0-0-0	2-0.5-0-0
Powell	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	--	2-1-0-0	2-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0
Nwosu	2-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--
Townsend	2-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	2-2-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--
Temple	1-1-0-0	--	2-0-0-0	--	2-0-0-0	--	2-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--
Katrib	--	--	--	--	--	--	4-0-0-0	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	2-0-0-0
Vainuku	1-0-0-0	--	--	2-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0
Lockett	--	--	--	--	--	3-0-0-0	1-0-1-0	--	--	--	--	--
Dillard	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	--	--
Lopes	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3-0-0-0	--	--	--
Tucker	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--
Pinner	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
J. Smith	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0
Shaw	--	---	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0
Wood	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--
Foy	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--
Burks	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-1-0-0	--	--	--
Mitchell	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--
Banner	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--
Z. Smith	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--
Augello	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Albarado	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Agholor	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--
Rogers	--	--	--	--	1-0-0-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

*Includes 1 blocked field goal

USC TEAM STATISTICS

Name	Fres. St.	Stanford	Bost. Col.	Ore. St.	Ariz. St.	Arizona	Colorado	Utah	Wash. St.	California	UCLA	N. Dame
First Downs	37	16	18	26	28	22	21	17	21	29	16	35
Rush	19	8	3	12	13	12	7	6	6	8	4	15
Pass	17	7	15	10	13	9	11	11	14	17	10	18
Penalty	1	1	0	4	2	1	3	0	1	4	2	2
Rush Attempts	64	37	29	48	50	39	33	37	32	35	33	53
Yds Gain	293	182	72	242	248	249	245	122	161	113	104	225
Yds Lost	16	26	52	42	28	10	32	22	34	34	42	20
Net Yards	277	156	20	200	220	239	213	100	127	79	62	205
Net Yds Pass	424	135	317	261	273	185	319	264	400	371	214	372
Pass Att	41	22	41	33	45	30	28	33	32	42	34	40
Pass Com	28	15	31	24	28	20	19	24	21	31	22	32
Had Int	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Tot Off Plays	105	59	70	81	95	69	61	70	64	77	67	93
Tot Net Yards	701	291	337	461	493	424	532	364	527	450	276	577
Avg/Play	6.7	4.9	4.8	5.7	5.2	6.1	8.7	5.2	8.2	5.8	4.1	6.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-1	1-1	3-1	2-1	0-0	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yds	9-76	10-87	3-20	14-124	9-60	13-103	7-85	6-48	7-70	14-159	5-49	6-45
Punts-Yds	0-0	4-191	10-375	6-243	6-254	6-233	5-181	5-251	6-229	3-110	7-297	2-71
Avg/Punt	0.0	47.8	37.5	40.5	42.3	38.8	36.2	50.2	38.2	36.7	42.4	35.5
Punt Ret-Yds	1-10	0-0	5-15	2-12	3-58	2-26	2-19	1-2	2-71	0-0	3-(-5)	0-0
KO Ret-Yds	3-43	2-34	6-99	3-76	3-75	3-52	3-51	3-139	3-67	4-73	3-54	0-0
Int-Yards	4-60	0-0	1-0	2-31	0-0	0-0	2-39	0-0	2-41	0-0	1017	10-24
Fum Ret-Yds	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
Poss Time	38:54	26:13	28:06	34:45	37:18	31:10	24:03	29:41	23:30	31:08	29:24	37:39
3rd Down Con	11-18	7-14	5-16	8-19	11-23	8-16	4-11	8-15	2-11	9-16	8-17	13-18
4th Down Con	3-5	0-1	0-0	3-3	2-3	1-1	0-0	0-2	1-2	2-2	0-1	2-3
Sacks By-Yds	1-10	2-10	1-11	2-22	2-12	3-6	4-24	2-22	3-20	4-24	2-10	4-25

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Name	Fres. St.	Stanford	Bost. Col.	Ore. St.	Ariz. St.	Arizona	Colorado	Utah	Wash. St.	California	UCLA	N. Dame
Offense												
WR	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor	Agholor
LT	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wheeler	Lobendahn	Lobendahn	Lobendahn	Lobendahn
LG	Lobendahn	Lobendahn	Lobendahn	Lobendahn	Lobendahn	Lobendahn	Lobendahn	Lobendahn	Rodgers	Rodgers	Rodgers	Mama
C	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk	Tuerk
RG	Mama	Mama	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao	Talamaivao
RT	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner	Banner
TE	Telfer	Telfer	Telfer	Telfer	Telfer	Telfer	Telfer	Telfer	Telfer	Mitchell**	Telfer	Telfer
QB	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler	Kessler
FB	J. Smith*	Vainuku	Vainuku	Harris*	Dixon##	Rogers*	Rogers*	Rogers*	Farmer*	Farmer**	Mitchell*	Jackson*
TB	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen
WR	Farmer	J. Smith	Farmer	J. Smith	J. Smith	J. Smith	J. Smith	J. Smith	J. Smith	J. Smith	J. Smith	J. Smith
Defense												
SOLB	Cravens	Felix	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens	Cravens
DT	Pelon	Jackson#	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	D. Simmons	Townsend	Townsend	D. Simmons	D. Simmons
NT	Woods	Woods	Woods	Woods	Woods	Woods	Woods	Woods	D. Simmons	Pelon	Woods	Woods
DE	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams	Williams
RUSH	Tavai	Tavai	Tavai	Tavai	Tavai	Tavai	Felix	Tavai	Felix	Felix	Felix	Tavai
MILB	Pullard	Pullard	Hutchings	Pullard	Pullard	Pullard	Pullard	Pullard	Pullard	Pullard	Pullard	Pullard
WILB	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao	Sarao
CB	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour	Seymour	Shaw
FS	Bowman	Bowman	Bowman	Bowman	Bowman	Bowman	Bowman	Plattenburg	Plattenburg	Bowman	Plattenburg	Bowman
SS	McQuay	Cravens	McQuay	McQuay	McQuay	McQuay	Plattenburg	McQuay	McQuay	McQuay	McQuay	Plattenburg
CB	Hawkins	Hawkins	Hawkins	Hawkins	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson

*USC started 3 wide receivers
**USC started 4 wide receivers
#USC started 3 cornerbacks
##USC started 2 tight ends

OPPONENT TEAM STATISTICS

Name	Fres. St.	Stanford	Bost. Col.	Ore. St.	Ariz. St.	Arizona	Colorado	Utah	Wash. St.	California	UCLA	N. Dame
First Downs	17	21	19	17	24	34	27	21	23	27	24	20
Rush	6	7	17	6	1	6	11	9	7	6	9	6
Pass	8	12	2	4	19	23	12	11	14	15	13	12
Penalty	3	2	0	7	4	5	4	1	2	6	2	2
Rush Attempts	33	38	54	21	22	29	46	42	26	31	43	25
Yds Gain	174	148	481	90	52	86	198	173	85	136	162	139
Yds Lost	17	20	29	32	21	9	26	36	51	31	27	36
Net Yards	157	128	452	58	31	77	172	137	34	105	135	104
Net Yds Pass	160	285	54	123	510	395	231	194	386	279	326	245
Pass Att	36	30	14	35	46	72	49	32	66	47	31	39
Pass Com	18	22	5	15	27	43	31	18	44	29	22	16
Had Int	4	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	1
Tot Off Plays	69	68	68	56	68	101	95	74	92	78	74	64
Tot Net Yards	317	413	506	181	541	472	403	331	420	384	461	349
Avg/Play	4.6	6.1	7.4	3.2	8.0	4.7	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.9	6.2	5.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-2	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-1	1-0	4-2	2-1	1-1	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yds	5-47	8-68	2-25	13-108	5-36	4-35	7-61	4-25	5-48	11-117	7-63	3-35
Punts-Yds	6-213	2-54	7-275	8-322	7-272	5-244	4-161	7-325	7-283	6-219	6-198	5-200
Avg/Punt	35.5	27.0	39.3	40.2	38.9	48.8	40.2	46.4	40.4	36.5	33.0	40.0
Punt Ret-Yds	0-0	1-44	2-16	2-5	1-(-7)	1-43	2-19	1-51	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
KO Ret-Yds	4-72	3-69	4-82	4-170	5-131	2-39	5-103	2-41	6-117	8-165	3-52	5-94
Int-Yards	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-3	0-0	1-8	1-0	0-0
Fum Ret-Yds	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-53	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Poss Time	21:06	33:47	31:54	25:15	22:42	28:50	35:57	30:19	36:30	28:52	30:36	22:21
3rd Down Con	2-12	7-14	2-11	1-10	3-12	11-22	6-17	6-16	7-20	3-15	9-16	6-14
4th Down Con	2-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	3-6	0-0	2-4	5-6	0-0	0-1
Sacks By-Yds	0-0	2-20	5-36	3-25	3-17	1-3	2-20	2-12	3-19	1-5	6-41	2-15

STEVE SARKISIAN
USC HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

Steve Sarkisian, the head football coach at Washington for the past 5 years who previously spent 7 seasons as an assistant at USC, including on the 2003 national championship squad and 2 years as the Trojans' offensive coordinator, was named USC's head coach on Dec. 2, 2013.

The eighth youngest (40) head coach currently in NCAA FBS, he has a 6-year head coaching record of 42-33, including 8-4 in his inaugural season at USC in 2014. He is just the third Trojan head coach to win his debut against Notre Dame.

This is the 40-year-old Sarkisian's fifth stop at USC as a coach or athlete. He played baseball briefly at USC before transferring to BYU. He then served as a Trojan offensive assistant coach, came back after a brief absence as the quarterbacks coach, then after a year in the NFL returned and rose to the offensive coordinator role.

At Washington, Sarkisian inherited a program in 2009 that had won just 12 games during the previous 5 seasons, including going winless the year before he took over. Despite that challenge, he guided the Huskies to bowl games his last 4 seasons (Alamo, Holiday, Las Vegas, Fight Hunger). His 8 victories in 2013 were the most at UW since 2000.

During his time in Seattle, his teams posted 8 wins over AP Top 25 teams, including twice over the Trojans (No. 3 USC and No. 19 California in 2009, No. 18 USC, No. 18 Nebraska and No. 24 Oregon State in 2010, No. 7 Oregon State and No. 8 Stanford in 2012 and No. 19 Boise State in 2013). He won 4 of his 5 Apple Cup games against in-state rival Washington State. He produced a 1,000-yard rusher each year. His overall Washington record was 34-29.

UW's school record-setting 2013 Washington offense was in the national Top 20 in total offense, rushing offense, pass efficiency offense and scoring offense, while the defense was in the Pac-12's Top 6 in every category. The 2013 Husky squad featured Doak Walker Award finalist tailback Bishop Sankey (No. 4 nationally in rushing), quarterback Keith Price (UW's recordholder in career TD passes, passing efficiency and completion percentage), 2013 Mackey Award-winning tight end Austin Seferian-Jenkins and safety Sean Parker (11 career interceptions).

Among the UW players Sarkisian coached were 9 NFL draftees, including quarterback Jake Locker, cornerback Desmond Trufant, linebackers Donald Butler and All-American Mason Foster, defensive end Daniel Te'o-Nesheim and tailback Bishop Sankey, plus All-Pac-12 tailback Chris Polk.

At USC, Sarkisian coached Heisman Trophy-winning quarterbacks Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart, along with NFL signalcallers Mark Sanchez, John David Booty and Matt Cassel. The Trojans went 23-3 when he was the offensive coordinator.

Sarkisian originally joined the USC staff as an offensive assistant in January of 2001. Then, after going to San Diego State briefly as the quarterbacks coach in January of 2002, he returned to USC in March of 2002 to handle the quarterbacks fulltime for 2 seasons (2002-03).

In 2002, Palmer won the Heisman and Unitas Award en route to setting the Pac-10 career records for passing yards and total offense (he was the No. 1 pick in the 2003 NFL draft), plus he was an All-American first teamer.

In 2003, Leinart was an All-American first teamer and was the Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year (he finished sixth in the Heisman voting) while setting Pac-10 season records for TD passes (35) and consecutive passes without an interception (212). He also had the highest passing efficiency rating of any USC quarterback (163.2). USC won its first national championship since 1978.

Sarkisian spent the 2004 season as the quarterbacks coach with the Oakland Raiders. His quarterbacks passed for more than 4,000 yards in 2004 as Oakland ranked eighth in passing in the NFL.

He returned to the Trojan staff in February of 2005 as the assistant head coach and quarterbacks coach for 4 seasons (2005-08). He added the offensive coordinator role in 2007 and 2008.

In 2005, Leinart won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, finished third in the Heisman voting, was a finalist for the Davey O'Brien, Maxwell and Walter Camp Awards and was an All-American first teamer. He set 16 USC records (11 were Pac-10 marks and 2 were NCAA records). He was the 10th pick of the 2006 NFL draft. USC's 4,157 passing yards in 2005 was a school record and the Trojans were fifth nationally in passing (319.8).

In 2006, Booty made the All-Pac-10 first team as he led the league in passing efficiency and total offense. He was a fifth round pick in the 2008 NFL draft.

In 2008, Sanchez made the All-Pac-10 first team while leading the conference in passing efficiency and total offense. He then was the fifth pick of the 2009 NFL draft. USC was in the national Top 20 in total offense, scoring offense and rushing offense.

While Sarkisian was at USC, the Trojans played in 5 Rose Bowls—2004, 2006 (BCS Championship Game), 2007, 2008 and 2009—as well as the 2003 Orange Bowl and 2001 Las Vegas Bowl.

Sarkisian spent the 2000 season as the quarterbacks coach at El Camino Junior College in Torrance (Calif.). His quarterback, Robert Hodge, earned All-American honors. El Camino played in the CHIPs For Kids Bowl.

Sarkisian starred at the quarterback position at the prep, collegiate and pro levels. He was with the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Canadian Football League for 3 seasons (1997-99). He started in 1999 and threw 16 touchdowns.

He had a record-setting 2-year (1995-96) career at BYU, where he was coached by former USC assistant Norm Chow. He completed 549-of-824 passes (66.6%) for 7,755 yards and 55 TDs in his career. His 162.0 career passing efficiency rating was third on the all-time NCAA list. As a senior in 1996, he led the nation in passing efficiency (173.6, then the fourth best mark ever) as the Western Athletic Conference champion Cougars went 14-1 and won the 1997 Cotton Bowl. He was the WAC Offensive Player of the Year in 1996, won All-American second team honors and played in the East-West Shrine Game and Hula Bowl. As a 1995 junior, he made the All-WAC team and led BYU to the WAC title. Against Fresno State that season, he set an NCAA game completion percentage record when he hit 31-of-34 passes (91.2%).

He came to BYU from El Camino Junior College, where he starred for 2 seasons (1993-94). He was a J.C. All-American first teamer as a 1994 sophomore and won All-Mission Conference honors in 1993 as a freshman. He also played baseball (shortstop) at El Camino in 1993.

He actually began his college career at USC, spending the fall of 1992 on the Trojan baseball team before transferring to El Camino.

He was a standout football and baseball player at West Torrance (Calif.) High.

He earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from BYU in 1997 after getting his associate's degree in general studies from El Camino in 1994.

He was born March 8, 1974. He and his wife, Stephanie, have 2 daughters, Ashley, 12, and Taylor, 6, and a son, Brady, 9.

YEAR-BY-YEAR WITH STEVE SARKISIAN

YEAR	TEAM	POSITION	RECORD (POST-SEASON)	HEAD COACH
2000	El Camino JC	Quarterbacks	8-2 (CHIPs For Kids)	John Featherstone
2001	USC	Offensive Assistant	6-6 (Las Vegas)	Pete Carroll
2002	USC	Quarterbacks	11-2 (Orange)	Pete Carroll
2003	USC	Quarterbacks	12-1+# (Rose)	Pete Carroll
2004	Oakland Raiders	Quarterbacks	5-11	Norv Turner
2005	USC	Assistant Head Coach/Quarterbacks	0-0*+ (Rose)	Pete Carroll
2006	USC	Assistant Head Coach/Quarterbacks	11-2+ (Rose)	Pete Carroll
2007	USC	Asst. Head Coach/Off. Coord./Quarterbacks	11-2+ (Rose)	Pete Carroll
2008	USC	Asst. Head Coach/Off. Coord./Quarterbacks	12-1+ (Rose)	Pete Carroll
2009	Washington	Head Coach	5-7	—
2010	Washington	Head Coach	7-6 (Holiday)	—
2011	Washington	Head Coach	7-6 (Alamo)	—
2012	Washington	Head Coach	7-6 (Las Vegas)	—
2013	Washington	Head Coach	8-4 (Fight Hunger**)	—
2014	USC	Head Coach	8-4 (Holiday)	—

*Not including 12 wins and 1 loss vacated due to NCAA penalty (original record: 12-1)
**Did not coach in bowl
+Pac-10 champions (2005 title later vacated due to NCAA penalty)
#Won national championship

2014 USC GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 1 – August 30, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 52, Fresno State 13
Att: 76,037

Fresno State	**0**	**7**	**6**	**0**	**—**	**13**
USC	**21**	**10**	**21**	**0**	**—**	**52**

QB **Cody Kessler** threw 4 touchdowns and ran for another to help the **Steve Sarkisian** era get off on a winning note as No. 15 USC routed Fresno State, 52-13, in front of 76,037 fans in the Coliseum and a national FOX TV audience.

Sarkisian was the sixth consecutive Trojan head coach to win his debut, and it was the most points and largest victory margin in a Trojan coaching debut since Howard Jones in 1925 (a 74-0 win over Whittier). It was USC's 16th straight win in an opener. It was the first time since 1916-17 that USC faced an opponent in consecutive games, as Troy also beat the Bulldogs in the 2013 Las Vegas Bowl.

USC rolled up 701 yards of total offense (its most since getting 745 versus Washington State in 2005) while running off a Pac-12 and USC record 105 plays (10 shy of the NCAA record) and getting 37 first downs (its most since getting 40 in that 2005 WSU contest).

Kessler threw for a career-high 394 yards while completing 25-of-37 passes with the 4 TDs (all tying career bests). In the first half, he was 21-of-30 for 309 yards with 3 scores.

USC, which never punted, scored on its first 4 possessions to open a 24-0 lead. Kessler capped a 17-play, 90-yard opening drive with a 1-yard TD run, then he hit WR **Nelson Agholor** with scoring passes of 10 and 5 yards late in the opening quarter. PK **Andre Heidari** added a 27-yard field goal early in the second quarter before Fresno State got on the board with a 1-yard run by TB Marteze Waller, but USC countered with an 18-yard Kessler TD toss to freshman CB-WR **Adoree' Jackson** late in the half.

Fresno State scored on the opening drive of the second half on Waller's 2-yard run, but USC answered right back as TB **Javorius Allen** ended an 85-yard drive with a 9-yard TD run. USC scored on its next two possessions in the third quarter, first on a 22-yard Kessler pass to frosh TE **Bryce Dixon** (after ILB **Anthony Sarao's** interception) and then on an 11-yard run by FB **Soma Vainuku** to end the day's scoring.

Allen rushed for a game-best 133 yards on 22 carries and freshman WR-CB **JuJu Smith** had 4 catches for 123 yards (more than any USC first-year freshman has had in a season opener). Ten Trojans caught passes. Troy's 64 rushing attempts were its most since running 70 times at Arizona State in 1990 and its 21 rushing first downs were its most since getting 21 versus UCLA in 2005. USC converted 11-of-18 third downs (holding the ball 38:54) and limited FSU to 2-of-12.

The Bulldogs managed just 317 total yards and 17 first downs on 69 plays. The Trojans had 4 interceptions (by Sarao, S **Gerald Bowman**, DE **Leonard Williams** and ILB **Michael Hutchings**). ILB **Hayes Pullard** led USC with 8 tackles and Williams had 7 stops and 2 deflections to go with his pick.

USC, which suited just 57 recruited scholarship players, played 11 first-year freshmen and 2 transfers. OGs **Toa Lobendahn** and **Damien Mama** started, marking the first time in the post-World War II era that a pair of frosh started an opener on the offensive line (and just the second true freshman duo to ever start on the line). Jackson saw significant action on defense (1 tackle), offense (3 catches for 36 yards) and special teams (1 punt return for 10 yards).

For FSU, Waller ran for 97 yards on 16 tries, WR Josh Harper had 6 catches for 56 yards, and QBs Brian Burrell (11-of-19 for 92 yards) and Brandon Connette (7-of-17 for 68 yards with 3 picks) split time.

SCORING

First Quarter
USC – Kessler 1-yard run (Heidari kick)
USC – Agholor 10-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
USC – Agholor 5-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
Second Quarter
USC – Heidari 27-yard field goal
FS – Waller 1-yard run (McGuire kick)
USC – Jackson 18-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
Third Quarter
FS – Waller 2-yard run (McGuire kick missed)
USC – Allen 9-yard run (Heidari kick)
USC – Dixon 22-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
USC – Vainuku 11-yard run (Heidari kick)

USC	STATISTICS	FRESNO STATE
37	First Downs	17
277	Net Yards Rushing	157
424	Net Yards Passing	160
41	Passes Attempted	36
28	Passes Completed	18
0	Had Intercepted	4
105	Total Plays	69
701	Total Yards	317
0/0.0	Punts/Avg	6/35.5
2/2	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
9/76	Penalties/Yards	5/47
38:54	Time of Possession	21:06

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Allen (USC) 22-133; Waller (FS) 16-97; Toland (USC) 12-47; Burrell (FS) 4-42; Davis (USC) 12-30; Kessler (USC) 8-28; Vainuku (USC) 2-24.

PASSING – Kessler (USC) 25-37-394; Burrell (FS) 11-19-92; Connette (FS) 7-17-68; Browne (USC) 3-4-30.

RECEIVING – Harper (FS) 6-56; Rogers (USC) 5-60; Agholor (USC) 5-57; J. Smith (USC) 4-123; Micenheimer (FS) 4-38; Blackwell (USC) 3-54; Jackson (USC) 3-36; Waller (UFS) 3-25; Farmer (USC) 3-20.

GAME 2 – September 6, Palo Alto, California
USC 13, Stanford 10
Att: 50,814

USC	**7**	**0**	**3**	**3**	**—**	**13**
Stanford	**0**	**10**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**10**

For the second year in a row, PK **Andre Heidari** kicked a late field goal to upend Stanford, this time lifting No. 14 USC to a Pac-12 opening 13-10 victory at the No. 13 Cardinal before a sold-out crowd of 50,814 fans and a national ABC audience.

The win snapped Stanford's 17-game home winning streak.

Heidari, whose 47-yard field goal with 19 seconds to play beat Stanford in 2013, this time nailed a career-long 53-yarder (tied for the third longest in USC history) with 2:30 remaining to cap a 9-play, 58 yard drive and then the Trojans held off a late Cardinal drive as OLB **J.R. Tavai** sacked QB Kevin Hogan on the Trojan 25-yard line with 19 seconds remaining, forcing a fumble that OLB **Scott Felix** recovered to seal the win.

After the Cardinal missed a 49-yard field goal on the game's opening series, USC scored on its first possession, driving 68 yards in 12 plays as TB **Justin Davis** scored on a 1-yard run. But Stanford then shut down the Trojans on their next 5 drives into the third quarter and took a 10-7 lead into halftime on a 2-yard run by FB Patrick Skov and then a 33-yard field goal by PK Jordan Williamson on its next series. After Stanford missed another field goal (26 yards) on its first drive of the second half and then failed to convert on fourth-and-1 from the USC 3, Troy got back on the board with a 25-yard Heidari field goal late in the third quarter to tie the score.

Stanford held advantages in most of the statistics, getting more yards (413 to 291), plays (68 to 59), first downs (21 to 16) and possession time (33:47), but besides missing the 2 field goals the Cardinal lost 2 fumbles, was just 2-of-5 in the red zone, converted only 7-of-14 third downs and had 8 penalties.

TB **Javorius Allen** had a game-high 154 yards on 23 carries, WR **Nelson Agholor** had a career-best 9 catches for 91 yards and QB **Cody Kessler** was 15-of-22 for 135 yards. DE **Leonard Williams**, whose playing status was in question because of a sprained ankle, had 11 tackles with a sack, while ILB **Anthony Sarao** also had 11 stops and S **Gerald Bowman** added 10 tackles.

USC, which traveled just 52 recruited scholarship players, played the fourth quarter without ILB **Hayes Pullard**, who was ejected for targeting.

For Stanford, Hogan hit 22-of-30 passes for 285 yards, with 9 of those throws going to WR Ty Montgomery for 83 yards. RB Remoud Wright rushed for 60 yards on 11 tries.

SCORING

First Quarter
USC – Davis 1-yard run (Heidari kick)
Second Quarter
STAN– Skov 2-yard run (Williamson kick)
STAN – Williamson 33-yard field goal
Third Quarter
USC – Heidari 25-yard field goal
Fourth Quarter
USC – Heidari 53-yard field goal

USC	STATISTICS	STANFORD
16	First Downs	21
156	Net Yards Rushing	128
135	Net Yards Passing	285
22	Passes Attempted	30
15	Passes Completed	22
0	Had Intercepted	0
59	Total Plays	68
291	Total Yards	413
4/47.8	Punts/Avg	2/27.0
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	4/2
10/87	Penalties/Yards	8/68
26:13	Time of Possession	33:47

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Allen (USC) 23-154; Wright (STAN) 11-60; Young (STAN) 7-39; Hogan (STAN) 11-24; Davis (USC) 8-20.

PASSING – Hogan (STAN) 22-30-285; Kessler (USC) 15-22-135.

RECEIVING – Agholor (USC) 9-91; Montgomery (STAN) 9-83; Hooper (STAN) 4-61; Rector (STAN) 4-57; Farmer (USC) 4-36; Cajuste (STAN) 3-44.

GAME 3 – September 13, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
Boston College 37, USC 31
Att: 41,632

USC	10	7	0	14	—	31
Boston College	0	20	7	10	—	37

QB Tyler Murphy ran for 191 yards, including a 66-yard touchdown run late in the game, to help Boston College gain 452 yards on the ground with 5 rushing TDs while upsetting No. 9 USC, 37-31, in front of 41,632 fans in Alumni Stadium who stormed the field and a national ESPN audience.

It was BC's first win over a Top 10 team since 2004 (and the first while unranked since 2002) and its first win over USC in the 5-game series. It was the most rushing yards allowed by USC since Texas A&M had 486 in the 1977 Bluebonnet Bowl. The Eagles averaged 8.4 yards on their 54 rushing attempts (and 7.4 on their 68 total plays). Murphy averaged 13.1 yards on his 13 carries and he also completed 5-of-13 passes for 54 yards with an interception. BC had 506 total yards, but its 54 passing yards were the fewest allowed by USC since Notre Dame had 41 in 2008 and its 5 completions were the fewest against USC since Colorado had 2 in 2002.

Conversely, USC gained just 20 of its 337 total yards on the ground, its lowest rushing total since getting 1 yard against Utah in the 2001 Las Vegas Bowl, and Trojans were tackled for losses 16 times, including 5 sacks of QB **Cody Kessler** for minus 36 yards. Troy was just 2-of-11 on third downs and punted 10 times (its most since doing so 11 times at Kansas State in 2002).

USC built a 17-6 lead early in the second quarter, as Kessler hit WR **George Farmer** on an 8-yard scoring pass and PK **Andre Heidari** then nailed a 52-yard field goal late in the first quarter before BC RB Tyler Rouse ran for a 4-yard score to cap a 78-yard drive at the top of the second quarter, only to have USC counter quickly on Kessler's 51-yard TD pass to TB **Javorius Allen**.

Boston College then scored 24 unanswered points as USC's next 9 possessions all went 5 plays or less (with a quartet of 3-and-outs) and 8 resulted in punts. First, RB Jon Hilliman concluded a 75-yard drive with a 3-yard scoring run on the series after Allen's TD and then WR Sherman Alston took a reverse 54 yards for a touchdown just before halftime to help BC go up 20-17. Hilliman added a 1-yard scoring run midway through the third quarter and then PK Joey Launceford hit a 25-yard field goal midway through the fourth quarter as BC extended its lead to 30-17.

USC countered on its ensuing possession, driving 75 yards as Kessler found WR **Nelson Agholor** on a 10-yard TD pass. But BC answered 2 plays later with Murphy's 66-yard TD scamper with 3:30 to play. The Trojans came right back to score, with Kessler hitting WR **Darreus Rogers** on a 14-yard touchdown throw with 1:18 to go, but BC recovered the onside kick and ran out the clock.

Kessler completed 31-of-41 passes (both career bests) for 317 yards with the 4 TDs. Allen ran for 31 yards on 15 tries and also caught 9 passes for 118 yards, both career receiving highs. Agholor also had 9 receptions (tying a career high) for 64 yards and WR **JuJu Smith** had 6 grabs for 49 yards. S **Gerald Bowman** had a team-best 7 tackles and CB **Chris Hawkins** had an interception.

For BC, Hilliman (19 carries) and RB Myles Willis (9 carries) each finished with 89 yards. The Eagles were just 5-of-16 on third downs.

BC wore designs of red bandanas on their helmets, shoes and gloves in honor of late BC lacrosse player Welles Crowther, a Sept. 11 victim and hero.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC – Farmer 8-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
USC – Heidari 52-yard field goal

Second Quarter

BC – Rouse 4-yard run (Launceford kick missed)
USC – Allen 51-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
BC – Hilliam 3-yard run (Launceford kick)
BC – Alston 54-yard run (Launceford kick)

Third Quarter

BC – Hilliman 1-yard run (Launceford kick)

Fourth Quarter

BC – Launceford 25-yard field goal
USC – Agholor 10-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
BC – Murphy 66-yard run (Launceford kick)
USC – Rogers 14-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)

USC	STATISTICS	BOSTON COLLEGE
18	First Downs	19
20	Net Yards Rushing	452
317	Net Yards Passing	54
41	Passes Attempted	14
31	Passes Completed	5
0	Had Intercepted	1
70	Total Plays	68
337	Total Yards	506
10/37.5	Punts/Avg	7/39.3
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	0/0
3/20	Penalties/Yards	2/25
28:06	Time of Possession	31:54

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Murphy (BC) 13-191; Willis (BC) 9-89; Hilliman (BC) 19-89; Alston (BC) 4-55; Allen (USC) 15-31; Rouse (BC) 8-29.
PASSING – Kessler (BC) 31-41-317; Murphy (BC) 5-13-54.
RECEIVING – Allen (USC) 9-118; Agholor (USC) 9-64; J. Smith (USC) 6-49; Telfer (USC) 2-35; Farmer (USC) 2-16.

GAME 4 – September 27, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 35, Oregon State 10
Att: 74,521

Oregon State	7	3	0	0	—	10
USC	7	14	0	14	—	35

QB **Cody Kessler** threw a pair of touchdown passes, including a Hail Mary at the halftime gun, TB **Justin Davis** scored twice, S **Su'a Cravens** returned an interception for a TD and the Trojan defense help the Beaver offense without a TD as No. 18 USC—coming off a bye—posted a 35-10 bounceback victory over Oregon State in front of 74,521 fans in the Coliseum and a national ESPN audience.

It was USC's 23rd consecutive home victory over the Beavers, with the last L.A. loss coming in 1960. The win gave USC its first 2-0 Pac-12 start since 2007.

The game was tight in the first half until the half's final play. Cravens got the scoring going late in the first quarter with a 31-yard scoring interception return off a pass from QB Sean Mannion, Oregon State's career passing yardage leader. But OSU answered on the ensuing kickoff, which S Ryan Murphy returned 97 yards for a TD on his first career kick return. The Beavers went up 10-7 on PK Trevor Romaine's 38-yard field goal early in the second period, but USC responded on its next possession as Kessler hit Davis for a 16-yard scoring pass. OSU then marched to the USC 22 on the next series before CB **Adoree' Jackson** tipped a Mannion pass in the corner of the end zone to S **Leon McQuay III**, who intercepted it. That led to USC's march to midfield, where Kessler launched a 48-yard Hail Mary as time ran out in the half and WR **Darreus Rogers** outjumped a group of OSU defenders for the TD grab.

After a scoreless third quarter, USC used a pair of long scoring drives to put the game out of reach, first a 12-play, 87-yard drive that led to TB **Javorius Allen's** 17-yard TD run at the top of the fourth quarter and then an 88-yard drive that Davis capped with a 21-yard TD run late in the game.

USC had 461 total yards on 81 plays and 34:45 possession time with 26 first downs to Oregon State's 181 total yards (the fewest by a Trojan opponent since San Jose State's 121 in 2009) on 56 plays with 17 first downs. OSU, which converted only 1-of-10 third downs, had just 58 rushing yards to USC's 200. The Beavers managed just 35 total yards in the second half. OSU came into the game leading the nation in pass efficiency defense (holding opposing quarterbacks to 42.3% completions and not allowing a passing TD) and third down conversion defense (USC converted 42.1%, 8-of-19). Both teams were heavily penalized, USC 14 times for 124 yards and OSU 13 for 108.

Kessler completed 75% of his passes (24-of-32) for 261 yards with the 2 scores and no picks, while Allen led the Trojans in rushing (20 carries for 115 yards) and receptions (5 for 23 yards). Cravens had a team-best 6 tackles, including 2 for losses (with a sack).

For OSU, Mannion was held to 15-of-32 for 123 yards with 2 picks, his lowest yardage output as a starter, while RB Storm Woods gained 61 yards on 9 carries and WR Richard Mullaney had 5 catches for 78 yards.

USC's 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame class was introduced at halftime.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC – Cravens 31-yard interception return (Heidari kick)
OSU – Murphy 97-yard kickoff return (Romaine kick)

Second Quarter

OSU – Romaine 38-yard field goal
USC – Davis 16-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
USC – Rogers 48-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC – Allen 17-yard run (Heidari kick)
USC – Davis 21-yard run (Heidari kick)

USC	STATISTICS	OREGON STATE
26	First Downs	17
200	Net Yards Rushing	58
261	Net Yards Passing	123
33	Passes Attempted	35
24	Passes Completed	15
0	Had Intercepted	2
81	Total Plays	56
461	Total Yards	181
6/40.5	Punts/Avg	8/40.2
1/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
14/124	Penalties/Yards	13/108
34:45	Time of Possession	25:15

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Allen (USC) 20-115; Davis (USC) 15-82; Woods (OSU) 9-61.
PASSING – Kessler (USC) 24-32-261; Mannion (OSU) 15-32-123.
RECEIVING – Mullaney (OSU) 5-78; Allen (USC) 5-23; Davis (USC) 3-30; Harris (USC) 3-30; Agholor (USC) 3-27; Woods (OSU) 3-17; J. Smith (USC) 3-13; Dixon (USC) 2-44; Telfer (USC) 2-29; Farmer (USC) 2-17.

GAME 5 – October 4, Los Angeles Coliseum
Arizona State 38, USC 34
Att: 70,115

Arizona State	**0**	**15**	**3**	**20**	**—**	**38**
USC	**7**	**10**	**3**	**14**	**—**	**34**

QB Mike Bercovici threw a 46-yard Hail Mary touchdown pass to WR Jaelen Strong as time expired to help Arizona State overcome a 9-point deficit in the final 3 minutes and upset No. 16 USC, 38-34, on a hot (92 degrees) afternoon in the Coliseum in front 70,115 stunned fans and a national FOX audience.

It was only the second time in history that the Trojans lost a regulation game on a touchdown at the gun (the other was at Stanford in 2000) and the first time since 2010 that Troy fell in regulation with no time remaining (when it happened on field goals to Washington and Stanford in consecutive weeks). The win snapped ASU's 7-game losing streak in the Coliseum that dated to 1999.

USC, which had not surrendered a TD pass in its first 4 games and was allowing only 155.5 passing yards a contest, saw Bercovici—in his second start for injured QB Taylor Kelly—throw for 510 yards (the second most passing yards ever against USC; he was 27-of-45) and a USC opponent record 5 TDs, including 3 scores to Strong, who had game highs of 10 receptions for 202 yards. Arizona State ran just 68 plays to USC's 95, held the ball only 22:42 and converted just 3-of-12 third downs, but the Sun Devils had 541 total yards. In the fourth quarter alone, ASU had 233 total yards on 15 plays, including 239 passing. In the game's final 3:53, the Sun Devils threw 3 TD passes. However, ASU—which entered the game leading the Pac-12 in rushing offense (262.8)—was held to just 31 rushing yards overall. USC had 493 total yards, including 220 rushing, and converted 11-of-23 third downs.

WR **Nelson Agholor** opened the game's scoring midway into the first quarter with a 53-yard scoring punt return, his third career TD punt runback to tie a USC record. But Bercovici found Strong on a 4-yard TD toss early in the second quarter to cap a 73-yard drive and then the duo connected for a 77-yard TD on the first play of ASU's next drive. But the Trojans scored twice late in the half, first on TB **Javorius Allen's** 1-yard run and then on PK **Andre Heidari's** 35-yard field goal to take a 17-15 lead into intermission.

ASU then got a 19-yard field goal from PK Alex Garoutte on its first series of the second half before USC countered with a 33-yard Heidari field goal late in the third quarter followed on its next possession with an 8-yard TD run by QB **Cody Kessler** at the top of the fourth quarter to build a 27-18 lead.

With 3:53 remaining, Bercovici hit TB D.J. Foster with a 21-yard scoring pass to cap a 10-play, 98-yard drive, but USC countered on Allen's 53-yard scamper with 3:02 to go to build a 34-25 edge. However, on ASU's next play from scrimmage, WR Cameron Smith hauled in a 73-yard TD pass from Bercovici with 2:43 to go. After USC went 3-and-out on its next possession, ASU took over with 23 seconds to go and took 4 plays to get the last-second game-winning Hail Mary.

Kessler completed 28-of-45 passes (a career high in attempts) for 273 yards (he had 5 passes dropped in the first half), while Agholor caught 9 passes for 85 yards and Allen ran for 143 yards on 29 carries and added 4 receptions for 86 yards. LB **Hayes Pullard** led USC with 9 tackles and S **Gerald Bowman** added 8 stops, while S **Su'a Cravens** had 3.5 tackles for a loss.

ASU S Jordan Simone had 20 tackles.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC – Agholor 53-yard punt return (Heidari kick)

Second Quarter

ASU – Strong 4-yard pass from Bercovici (Garoutte kick)
ASU – Strong 77-yard pass from Bercovici (Kohl pass from Bercovici)
USC – Allen 1-yard run (Heidari kick)
USC – Heidari 35-yard field goal

Third Quarter

ASU – Garoutte 19-yard field goal
USC – Heidari 33-yard field goal

Fourth Quarter

USC – Kesller 8-yard run (Heidari kick)
ASU – Foster 21-yard pass from Bercovici (Garoutte kick)
USC – Allen 53-yard run (Heidari kick)
ASU – Smith 73-yard pass from Bercovici (Garoutte kick)
ASU – Strong 46-yard pass from Bercovici

USC	STATISTICS	ARIZONA STATE
28	First Downs	24
220	Net Yards Rushing	31
273	Net Yards Passing	510
45	Passes Attempted	46
28	Passes Completed	27
0	Had Intercepted	0
95	Total Plays	68
493	Total Yards	541
6/42.3	Punts/Avg	7/38.9
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	2/0
9/60	Penalties/Yards	5/36
37:18	Time of Possession	22:42

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Allen (USC) 29-143; Davis (USC) 14-67; Lewis (ASU) 4-15; Foster (ASU) 10-13.

PASSING – Bercovici (ASU) 27-45-510; Kessler (USC) 28-45-273.

RECEIVING – Strong (ASU) 10-202; Agholor (USC) 9-85; Foster (ASU) 5-73; Allen (USC) 4-86; Rogers (USC) 4-34; J. Smith (USC) 4-24; Smith (ASU) 3-85; Kohl (ASU) 3-43; Telfer (USC) 3-18; Chambers (ASU) 2-46; Jefferson (ASU) 2-44; Farmer (USC) 2-14.

GAME 6 – October 11, Tucson, Arizona
USC 28, Arizona 26
Att: 56,754

USC	**7**	**7**	**14**	**0**	**—**	**28**
Arizona	**6**	**0**	**7**	**13**	**—**	**26**

TB **Javorius Allen** ran for a career-high 205 yards with 3 touchdowns as USC held off late-charging No. 10 Arizona to post a 28-26 road victory in front of a sold-out Tucson crowd of 56,754 and a national ESPNU audience.

It was the eighth consecutive USC-Arizona game that was decided by a TD or less, and gave the Wildcats their first loss of 2014.

The game looked like it might end as dramatically as USC's contest the previous week against Arizona State, when the Trojans had a two-score fourth quarter lead only to see the Sun Devils win on a walk-off Hail Mary TD pass. But this time, good fortune shined on USC as the Wildcats nearly overcame a 15-point fourth quarter deficit, but PK Casey Skowron's 36-yard potential game-winning field goal sail wide with 12 seconds to play. It was Skowron's third missed field goal in the game, as he was wide on a 48-yard try on Arizona's game-opening possession, then he had a 34-yarder blocked by DT **Claude Pelon** at the end of the first half (on the misses at the end of both halves, USC called a timeout to ice Skowron).

Trailing 28-20 with 3:27 to play, Arizona marched 80 yards in 15 plays, with TB Jared Baker scoring on a 1-yard run with 1:07 to play, but his potential game-tying 2-point conversion run was stuffed. Arizona, however, recovered the ensuing on-side kick, and quickly drove to USC's 19-yard line before Skowron's final miss.

The game's scoring began midway through the opening quarter when Skowron hit a 32-yard field goal, but USC responded on the next drive with a 34-yard TD run by Allen. UA countered with a 25-yard Skowron field goal late in the quarter. Allen then ran for a 48-yard TD midway through the second quarter. In the third quarter, USC extended its lead to 21-6 on a 21-yard TD pass from QB **Cody Kessler** to WR **Nelson Agholor**. Then, after USC lost a fumble deep in its territory, Baker scored on a 6-yard run, only to have USC answer on Allen's 1-yard scoring run late in the third quarter to build Troy's lead back to 15, 28-13. Arizona closed the gap to 28-20 early in the fourth quarter on QB Anu Solomon's 41-yard fourth down TD pass to Baker.

USC won despite Arizona running 32 more plays (101-69), including 72 passes, and getting 12 more first downs (34-22). The plays, passes and completions (43) were USC opponent records. Arizona had 472 total yards (102 under its average), including only 77 rushing (147 under its average), while USC had 424 total plays (6.1 yards per play), including 239 on the ground (its third straight 200-yard rushing performance). The Wildcats got into the red zone 7 times, but managed just 2 field goals and 2 touchdowns. UA was averaging 39.8 points a game. USC was penalized 13 times to Arizona's 4.

Allen's 205 yards came on 26 carries and gave him his fifth 100-yard outing of 2014 (and ninth of his career, all in the past 12 games). He also caught 4 passes for 28 yards. Kessler was 20-of-30 for 185 yards, but threw his first interception of 2014 (breaking a streak of 190 without a pick in 2014 and 195 dating to the previous season). Agholor had 7 receptions for 81 yards.

S **Gerald Bowman** and LB **Hayes Pullard** led USC with 9 tackles each and DE **Leonard Williams** had 8 stops (with 2 sacks) and forced a fumble. Because of injuries, the Trojans played much of the game with 2 true freshmen and a redshirt freshman in the secondary.

For UA, Solomon was 43-of-72 passing (both USC opponent marks) for 395 yards with a pick, WRs Austin Hill (70 yards), Cayleb Jones (67), DaVonte' Neal (65) and David Richards (61) each had 7 catches, and Baker ran for 43 yards on 12 carries and caught 4 passes for another 50 yards.

The victory was USC's 800th in history after subtracing 14 victories that were vacated due to NCAA penalty (prior to the penalty, Troy hit 800 wins in 2012).

SCORING

First Quarter

ARIZ – Skowron 32-yard field goal
USC – Allen 34-yard run (Wood kick)
ARIZ – Skowron 25-yard field goal

Second Quarter

USC – Allen 48-yard run (Wood kick)

Third Quarter

USC – Agholor 21-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)
ARIZ – Baker 6-yard run (Skowron kick)
USC – Allen 1-yard run (Wood kick

Fourth Quarter

ARIZ – Baker 41-yard pass from Solomon (Skowron kick)
ARIZ – Baker 1-yard run (Baker run failed)

USC	STATISTICS	ARIZONA
22	First Downs	34
239	Net Yards Rushing	77
185	Net Yards Passing	395
30	Passes Attempted	72
20	Passes Completed	43
1	Had Intercepted	0
69	Total Plays	101
424	Total Yards	472
6/38.8	Punts/Avg	5/48.8
2/1	Fumbles-Lost	2/1
13/103	Penalties/Yards	4/35
31:10	Time of Possession	28:50

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Allen (USC) 26-205; Baker (ARIZ) 12-43; Jones-Grigsby (ARIZ) 12-32; Davis (USC) 7-28.

PASSING – Solomon (ARIZ) 43-72-395; Kessler (USC) 20-30-185.

RECEIVING – Agholor (USC) 7-81; Hill (ARIZ) 7-70; Jones (ARIZ) 7-67; Neal (ARIZ) 7-65; Richards (ARIZ) 7-61; Griffey (ARIZ) 5-39; Baker (ARIZ) 4-50; J. Smith (USC) 4-39; Allen (USC) 4-28; Johnson (ARIZ) 3-19; Rogers (USC) 2-20; Telfer (USC) 2-15.

GAME 7 – October 18, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 56, Colorado 28
Att: 74,756

Colorado	**0**	**7**	**14**	**7**	**—**	**28**
USC	**28**	**7**	**21**	**0**	**—**	**56**

QB **Cody Kessler** threw 7 touchdown passes, including 5 in the first half and 4 in the first quarter, to lead No. 22 USC to a 56-28 Homecoming victory over Colorado in front of 74,756 fans in the Coliseum and a national Pac-12 Networks audience.

Kessler's 7 TDs also tied the Pac-12 record for a regulation game (shared with Arizona State's Mike Pagel versus Stanford in 1981) and USC equaled a team record for TD throws in a game (also versus Colorado in 2012). The win kept USC undefeated in 9 games against the Buffaloes and was the most points in the series (it was the fifth straight game in the series in which the Trojans scored at least 40 points).

Kessler threw touchdowns on all four of USC's first-quarter possessions: 16 and then 18 yards to WR **Nelson Agholor**, 7 yards to WR **JuJu Smith** and 15 yards to TE **Bryce Dixon** (the second and fourth scores followed interceptions by S **Su'a Cravens** and CB **Kevon Seymour**, respectively).

Colorado got on the board early in the second quarter on a 1-yard run by RB Michael Adkins II to culminate an 18-play drive, but late in the half Kessler found Dixon for a 9-yard TD as he tied a USC record for most TDs passes in a half (5, shared with Mark Sanchez and Matt Barkley) and put the Trojans up 35-7 at intermission.

On USC's first possession of the second half, Kessler connected with Agholor on a 75-yard scoring bomb. After Colorado scored midway through the third quarter on a 2-yard pass from QB Sefo Liufau to WR Shay Fields, USC took just 56 seconds to respond as Kessler got his record-setting seventh TD toss on a 24-yarder to WR **Steven Mitchell**. The teams then traded touchdowns late in the quarter, with Liufau hitting WR Nelson Spruce for 5 yards (Spruce's school record-tying 11th in 2014) and then TB **Javorius Allen** running 39 yards. Colorado added a 9-yard scoring run by QB Jordan Gehrke midway through the final period.

Overall, Kessler completed 19-of-26 passes for 319 yards (all in 3 quarters of play), Allen ran for 128 yards on 15 carries, TB **Justin Davis** added 97 yards on 11 tries, Agholor had 6 catches for 128 yards with his career-best 3 TDs and Smith had 4 grabs for 104 yards. ILB **Anthony Sarao** led Troy with a game-best 12 tackles and the Trojans posted 4 sacks.

USC had 532 total yards on just 61 plays (8.7 average), while CU had 403 yards on 95 plays. The Buffaloes held the ball for 35:57 and had 27 first downs to USC's 21.

Liufau was 23-of-35 for 143 yards, Spruce had 9 receptions for 69 yards and TB Tony Jones gained 62 yards on 11 rushes.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC – Agholor 16-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)
USC – Agholor 18-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)
USC – J. Smith 7-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)
USC – Dixon 15-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)

Second Quarter

COLO – Adkins 1-yard run (Oliver kick)
USC – Dixon 9-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)

Third Quarter

USC – Agholor 75-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)
COLO – Fields 2-yard pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)
USC – Mitchell 24-yard pass from Kessler (Wood kick)
COLO – Spruce 5-yard pass from Liufau (Oliver kick)
USC – Allen 39-yard run (Wood kick)

Fourth Quarter

COLO – Gehrke 9-yard run (Oliver kick)

USC	STATISTICS	COLORADO
21	First Downs	27
213	Net Yards Rushing	172
319	Net Yards Passing	231
28	Passes Attempted	49
19	Passes Completed	31
0	Had Intercepted	2
61	Total Plays	95
532	Total Yards	403
5/36.2	Punts/Avg	4/40.2
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	1/0
7/85	Penalties/Yards	7/61
24:03	Time of Possession	35:57

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Allen (USC) 11-128; Davis (USC) 11-97; Jones (COLO) 11-62; Lindsay (COLO) 10-55; Adkins (COLO) 7-25.

PASSING – Liufau (COLO) 23-35-143; Kessler (USC) 19-26-319; Gehrke (COLO) 7-13-71; Spruce (COLO) 1-1-17; Browne (USC) 0-2-0.

RECEIVING – Spruce (COLO) 9-69; Agholor (USC) 6-128; J. Smith (USC) 4-204; McCulloch (COLO) 4-44; Goodson (COLO) 4-30; Telfer (USC) 4-19; Fields (COLO) 3-35; Dixon (USC) 2-24; Irwin (COLO) 2-15; Lee (COLO) 2-8; Creer (COLO) 2-7.

GAME 8 – October 25, Salt Lake City, Utah
Utah 24, USC 21
Att: 47,619

USC	**7**	**7**	**0**	**7**	**—**	**21**
Utah	**7**	**3**	**7**	**7**	**—**	**24**

QB Travis Wilson threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to WR Kaelin Clay with 8 seconds to play to give No. 19 Utah a 24-21 win over No. 20 USC on a breezy evening before a sold-out Rice-Eccles Stadium record crowd of 47,619 fans and a national FOX Sports 1 audience.

After USC failed to convert on third-and-2 and then on fourth-and-2 with 2:08 to play, the Utes drove 73 yards in 11 plays, including Wilson's 19-yard scramble to the USC 1, then saw the Trojans stuff RB Devontae Booker for no gain before Wilson threw the game-winner.

The contest began on an unusual note when WR **Darreus Rogers** couldn't haul in QB **Cody Kessler's** backwards pass on the second play of the game and, while players from both teams stopped because they thought it was an incomplete pass, CB Davion Orphey scooped up the live ball (it was ruled a fumble) and raced 53 yards for a score.

But USC responded on its next drive, as Kessler hit WR **JuJu Smith** with a 10-yard scoring pass. Utah added a 24-yard field goal by PK Andy Phillips midway through the second quarter, but CB **Adoree' Jackson** ran back the ensuing kickoff a school record-tying 100 yards to give USC a 14-10 lead.

Utah regained the lead late in the third quarter on Booker's 24-yard TD burst following an intercepted Trojan pass. USC then went up 21-17 early in the final quarter on Kessler's 4-yard TD pass to Rogers.

Kessler completed 75% of his throws (23-of-32) for 264 yards, WR **Nelson Agholor** had a career-best 10 catches for 110 yards, Smith added 6 grabs for 77 yards and TB **Javorius Allen** ran 101 yards on 27 carries. OLB **Scott Felix** had a game-best 9 tackles (1.5 for a loss) and a deflection, ILB **Anthony Sarao** had 8 stops and OLB **Su'a Cravens** had 7 tackles with 2 sacks and a deflection. USC's defense got turnovers twice when the Utes got to the Trojan 1, first when OLB **J.R. Tavai** forced a fumble that S **Leon McQuay** recovered in the first quarter on Utah's first drive and then on a strip and recovery by Jackson in the third quarter (Jackson ran the ball back 100 yards for a TD but the score was negated because of an inadvertent referee's whistle).

USC had 364 total yards to Utah's 331, but Troy's streak of consecutive games rushing for 200 yards was snapped (it had 100 rushing yards).
For Utah, Wilson was 18-of-32 for 194 yards, Booker had 102 yards on 26 rushes and TE Westlee Tonga caught 6 passes for 71 yards.

USC, which suited up just 48 recruited scholarship players, lost OT **Chad Wheeler** in the first quarter and Tavai right before halftime to knee injuries.

SCORING

First Quarter

UTAH – Orphey 53-yard fumble return (Phillips kick)
USC – J. Smith 10-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)

Second Quarter

UTAH – Phillips 24-yard field goal
USC – Jackson 100-yard kickoff return (Heidari kick)

Third Quarter

UTAH – Booker 24-yard run (Phillips kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC – Rogers 4-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
UTAH – Clay 1-yard pass from Wilson (Phillips kick)

USC	STATISTICS	UTAH
17	First Downs	21
100	Net Yards Rushing	137
264	Net Yards Passing	194
33	Passes Attempted	32
24	Passes Completed	18
1	Had Intercepted	0
70	Total Plays	74
364	Total Yards	331
5/50.2	Punts/Avg	7/46.4
3/1	Fumbles-Lost	4/2
6/48	Penalties/Yards	4/25
29:41	Time of Possession	30:19

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Booker (UTAH) 26-102; Allen (USC) 27-101; Wilson (UTAH) 12-27.

PASSING – Kessler (USC) 24-32-264; Wilson (UTAH) 18-32-194.

RECEIVING – Agholor (USC) 10-110; J. Smith (USC) 6-77; Tonga (UTAH) 6-71; Anderson (UTAH) 3-30; Allen (USC) 3-26; Scott (UTAH) 3-24; Clay (UTAH) 3-23; Patrick (UTAH) 2-29; Rogers (USC) 2-20.

GAME 9 – November 1, Pullman, Washington
USC 44, Washington State 17
Att: 25,012

USC	**14**	**10**	**13**	**7**	**—**	**44**
Washington St.	**0**	**7**	**3**	**7**	**—**	**17**

QB **Cody Kessler** threw 5 touchdown passes, including 3 to WR **JuJu Smith**, WR **Nelson Agholor** caught an 87-yard TD and set the USC career record for punt returns touchdowns and TB **Javorius Allen** had his sixth consecutive 100-yard rushing outing as USC dominated Washington State, 44-17, on a cold (mid-40s), wet (constant drizzle and mist) and foggy day in front of 25,012 fans in Pullman and a national Pac-12 Networks audience.

Kessler threw for a personal-best 400 yards on 21-of-32 passing. Agholor caught 8 passes for a career-high 220 yards and his 65-yard TD punt runback early in the first quarter gave him 4 in his career. Smith's 3 scoring receptions tied the USC freshman game mark (he had 6 catches overall for 74 yards). Allen's sixth straight 100-yard game (114 yards on 19 carries) gave him the most consecutive in a season by a Trojan since Marcus Allen's 11 in 1981.

Two plays after Agholor's punt return, LB **Hayes Pullard** intercepted a Connor Halliday pass, setting up Kessler's 22-yard TD pass to Smith.

Halliday, the nation's passing and total offense leader, broke his ankle on WSU's second possession and was replaced by redshirt freshman walk-on QB Luke Falk.

USC opened a 24-0 lead in the middle of the second quarter on PK **Andre Heidari's** 37-yard field goal and Smith's 22-yard TD reception of a Kessler pass before the Cougars got on the board late in the half on Falk's 9-yard pass to WR Robert Lewis.

WSU pulled within 24-10 midway into the third quarter on PK Quentin Breshears' 27-yard field goal. But USC scored on its next 3 possessions, first on an 87-yard pass from Kessler to Agholor (career longs for both players), then on a 7-yard Kessler-to-Smith pass and finally, after OLB **Scott Felix's** fumble recovery, Kessler hit WR **Steven Mitchell** on a 5-yard score late in the third quarter.

The Cougars ended the day's scoring on Falk's 12-yard TD toss to WR Isiah Myers late in the game.

USC had 527 yards of total offense on 64 plays to WSU's 444 yards on 92 plays, but the Trojans converted just 2-of-11 third downs and held the ball just 23:30.

Pullard led USC with 9 tackles, while CB **Adoree' Jackson** added 8 stops and 2 deflections.

For WSU, Falk was 38-of-57 for 370 yards, WRs Tyler Baker (89 yards) and Vince Mayle (83 yards) each had 9 catches and RB Theron West had 7 grabs for 91 yards along with 9 carries for 41 yards. The Cougars' 44 completions were a USC opponent record.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC – Agholor 65-yard punt return (Heidari kick)
USC – J. Smith 22-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)

Second Quarter

USC – Heidari 37-yard field goal
USC – J. Smith 22-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
WSU – Lewis 9-yard pass from Falk (Breshears kick)

Third Quarter

WSU – Breshears 27-yard rield goal
USC – Agholor 87-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
USC – J. Smith 7-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick missed)

Fourth Quarter

USC – Mitchell 5-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
WSU – Myers 12-yard pass from Falk (Breshears kick)

USC	STATISTICS	WASH. ST.
21	First Downs	23
127	Net Yards Rushing	34
400	Net Yards Passing	420
32	Passes Attempted	66
21	Passes Completed	44
0	Had Intercepted	2
64	Total Plays	92
527	Total Yards	420
6/38.2	Punts/Avg	7/40.4
2/1	Fumbles-Lost	2/1
7/70	Penalties/Yards	5/48
23:30	Time of Possession	36:30

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Allen (USC) 19-114; Davis (USC) 9-44; West (WSU) 9-41.

PASSING – Falk (WSU) 38-57-346; Kessler (USC) 21-32-400; Halliday (WSU) 6-9-40.

RECEIVING – Baker (WSU) 9-89; Mayle (WSU) 9-83; Agholor (USC) 8-220; West (WSU) 7-67; J. Smith (USC) 6-74; Morrow (WSU) 6-26; Lewis (WSU) 5-50; Farmer (USC) 3-61; Galvin (WSU) 3-34; Williams (WSU) 3-17; Mitchell (USC) 2-28; Myers (WSU) 2-20.

GAME 10 – November 13, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 38, California 30
Att: 64,615

California	**2**	**7**	**7**	**14**	**—**	**30**
USC	**21**	**10**	**0**	**7**	**—**	**38**

USC, behind a career-best 16 receptions by WR **Nelson Agholor**, built a 31-2 first half lead but had to hang on to defeat California, 38-30, on a Thursday evening in front of a 64,615 fans in the Coliseum and a national ESPN audience.

It kept USC undefeated against Cal since 2003 (and at home since 2000). It also was just the second non-Thanksgiving/non-bowl Thursday game in the Coliseum.

Agholor, who had 8 catches for 120 yards in the first quarter and 13 for 177 by halftime, ended up with 216 yards and 2 TDs. It was the first time in USC history that a receiver has had consecutive 200-yard outings and the first time in a season that a Trojan has had a pair of 200-yard games (it also tied Agholor with Keyshawn Johnson, Dwayne Jarrett, Robert Woods and Marqise Lee for the most 200-yard receiving games in a career with 2). His 16 catches were 1 shy of Woods' game record and tied for fourth most ever in the Pac-12.

USC, coming off a bye, jumped out to its 31-2 lead on a 10-yard TD pass from QB **Cody Kessler** to Agholor on the game's opening drive, followed by a 32-yard Kessler strike to a diving WR **George Farmer** on its next series before Cal got on the board when DT Mustafa Jalil tackled TB **Justin Davis** in the end zone. Davis redeemed himself on the next possession with a 3-yard TD run late in the first quarter, then after CB **Kevon Seymour** recovered a fumble forced by S **Leon McQuay**, Kessler and Agholor connected on a 9-yard scoring toss midway into the second quarter. After PK **Andre Heidari** hit a 25-yard field goal late in the half to give Troy its 29-point lead, Cal quickly drove 75 yards to get a TD with 9 seconds to play in the half as QB Jared Goff hit WR Chris Harper with a 6-yard pass.

The Golden Bears pulled within 31-16 late in the third quarter on a 5-yard TD run by RB Daniel Lasco. But USC responded on its ensuing series, going 78 yards in 16 plays, capped by Kessler's 15-yard pass to TE **Randall Telfer**. Goff threw TD passes on Cal's next 2 possessions, first 5 yards to WR Bryce Treggs and then 29 yards to WR Stephen Anderson with 1:36 to go before the Trojans recovered Cal's onside kick to seal the win.

Kessler hit 73.8% of his aerials (31-of-42, a career-tying best for completions) for 371 yards and the 4 TDs. TD **Javorius Allen** had 60 yards on 21 carries, ending his streak of 6 consecutive 100-yard rushing games, while Davis added 45 yards on 11 tries.

S-OLB **Su'a Cravens** led USC with 10 tackles (1.5 for losses), while S **Gerald Bowman** had 9 stops. USC sacked Goff 4 times, including 1.5 by DE **Leonard Williams**.

For Cal, Goff was 29-of-46 for 279 yards, Lasco ran for 86 yards on 19 tries, Harper had 9 catches for 60 yards and WR Kenny Lawler had 8 grabs for 86 yards.

USC had 450 yards of total offense to the Golden Bears' 384 as the Trojans held Cal, which was ranked in the national Top 11 in passing, scoring and total offense, under its averages by 82 yards, 10.9 points and 125.9 yards, respectively. The teams combined for 25 penalties, including 14 by the Trojans for 159 yards.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC – Agholor 10-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
USC – Farmer 32-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
CAL – Safety, Kessler tackled in end zone by Jalil
USC – Davis 3-yard run (Heidari kick)

Second Quarter

USC – Agholor 9-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
USC – Heidari 25-yard field goal
CAL – Harper 6-yard pass from Goff (Langford kick)

Third Quarter

CAL – Lasco 5-yard run (Langford kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC – Telfer 15-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
CAL – Treggs 5-yard pass from Goff (Langford kick)
CAL – Anderson 29-yard pass from Goff (Langford kick)

USC	STATISTICS	CALIFORNIA
29	First Downs	27
79	Net Yards Rushing	105
371	Net Yards Passing	279
42	Passes Attempted	47
31	Passes Completed	29
1	Had Intercepted	0
77	Total Plays	78
450	Total Yards	384
3/36.7	Punts/Avg	6/36.5
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	1/1
14/159	Penalties/Yards	11/117
31:08	Time of Possession	28:52

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Lasco (CAL) 19-86; Allen (USC) 21-60; Davis (USC) 11-45).

PASSING – Kessler (USC) 31-42-371; Goff (CAL) 29-47-279; Leininger (CAL) 0-1-0.

RECEIVING – Agholor (USC) 16-216; Harper (CAL) 9-60; Lawler (CAL) 8-86; Anderson (CAL) 5-70; Allen (USC) 4-49; J. Smith (USC) 4-30; Treggs (CAL) 3-19; Farmer (USC) 2-40; Lasco (CAL) 2-19; Jackson (USC) 2-17; Telfer (USC) 2-14.

GAME 11 – November 22, Pasadena, California
UCLA 38, USC 20
Att: 82,431

USC	**7**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**20**
UCLA	**14**	**10**	**14**	**0**	**—**	**38**

No. 11 UCLA, behind QB Brett Hundley's 326 passing yards with 3 TDs and a relentless defense that posted 6 sacks, defeated No. 24 USC, 38-20, before 82,431 fans in the Rose Bowl and a national ABC-TV audience.

The loss, Troy's third consecutive to UCLA, ended USC's hopes of capturing the Pac-12 South Division and advancing to the Pac-12 Championship Game, while the Bruins' dreams to do so remained alive.

USC got off to a quick start when ILB **Anthony Sarao** intercepted Hundley on the Bruins' second offensive play of the game and returned it 17 yards for a touchdown. But after the Trojans fumbled away a punt deep in their territory on UCLA's next possession, the Bruins countered quickly with a 10-yard Hundley TD toss to WR Devin Lucien. After USC's next drive went 3-and-out, Hundley hit WR Thomas Duarte on a 57-yard scoring bomb on UCLA's next play midway through the opening quarter.

The Trojans, who failed on a fourth-and-2 run from UCLA's 5-yard line on the final play of the first quarter, tied the game at 14-14 on their next series as QB **Cody Kessler** hit TB **Justin Davis** for a 2-yard TD. The Bruins answered on their next drive with a 32-yard field goal by PK Ka'imi Fairbairn and then they drove 68 yards at the end of the half following an interception, with Hundley connecting with WR Eldridge Massington for a 13-yard touchdown to go up by 10 points.

UCLA then scored on runs on its first 2 possessions of the second half, first a 10-yarder by TB Paul Perkins and then a 15-yarder by Hundley. USC managed to score late in the game on a 3-yard run by TB **Javorius Allen**.

UCLA had 461 yards of total offense to USC's 276 (the Trojans had just 62 on the ground). The Bruins had 24 first downs to USC's 16 and converted 9-of-16 third downs.

Kessler was 22-of-34 for 214 yards and Allen led Troy in rushing (60 yards on 14 tries) and receiving (7 catches for 42 yards). ILB **Hayes Pullard** had a team-best 9 tackles. CB-S **Josh Shaw**, who had been suspended for USC's first 10 games, saw action on special teams and as a backup in the secondary.

For UCLA, Hundley was 22-of-31 for 326 yards en route to becoming UCLA's career total offense leader, Perkins ran for 93 yards on 24 carries and Fuller (63 yards) and WR Mossi Johnson (60 yards) each had 5 receptions.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC – Sarao 17-yard interception return (Heidari kick)
UCLA – Lucien 10-yard pass from Hundley (Fairbairn kick)
UCLA – Duarte 57-yard pass from Hundley (Fairbairn kick)

Second Quarter

USC – Davis 2-yard pass from Kssler (Heidari kick)
UCLA – Fairbairn 32-yard field goal
UCLA – Massington 13-yard pass from Hundley (Fairbairn kick)

Third Quarter

UCLA – Perkins 10-yard run (Fairbairn kick)
UCLA – Hundley 15-yard run (Fairbairn kick)

Fourth Quarter

USC – Allen 3-yard run (Kessler pass failed)

USC	STATISTICS	UCLA
16	First Downs	24
62	Net Yards Rushing	135
214	Net Yards Passing	326
34	Passes Attempted	31
22	Passes Completed	22
1	Had Intercepted	1
67	Total Plays	74
276	Total Yards	461
7/42.4	Punts/Avg	6/33.0
1/1	Fumbles-Lost	2/1
5/49	Penalties/Yards	7/63
29:24	Time of Possession	30:36

TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Perkins (UCLA) 24-93; Allen (USC) 14-60; Davis (USC) 9-37.
PASSING – Hundley (UCLA) 22-31-326; Kessler (USC) 22-34-214.
RECEIVING – Allen (USC) 7-42; Fuller (UCLA) 5-63; Johnson (UCLA) 5-60; J. Smith (USC) 4-79; Davis (USC) 4-25; Payton (UCLA) 3-31; Agholor (USC) 3-24; Duarte (UCLA) 2-95; Farmer (USC) 2-21; Lucien (UCLA) 2-20.

GAME 12 – November 29, Los Angeles Coliseum
USC 49, Notre Dame 14
Att: 79,586

Notre Dame	**0**	**7**	**7**	**0**	**—**	**14**
USC	**21**	**14**	**14**	**0**	**—**	**49**

QB **Cody Kessler** threw a Notre Dame opponent record 6 touchdown passes as USC overwhelmed the Irish, 49-14, before 79,586 fans in the Coliseum and a national FOX audience.

Troy's 49 points and 35-point victory margin were its second most ever in the series.

Kessler hit 80% of his passes, completing a career-best 32 on 40 attempts (including 16 consecutive at one point) for 372 yards and no interceptions. His 5 scoring TDs in the first half tied a USC record and were the most ever thrown in a half against Notre Dame.

After punting on its first possession, the Trojans scored on their next 5 drives to open up a 35-0 second quarter lead. It was USC's most points in any half against ND since 1979 and the most any team has registered in the first half against the Irish since 1998. Kessler threw first quarter TD passes to WR **George Farmer** (48 yards), CB-WR **Adoree' Jackson** (16 yards) and Farmer again (31 yards late in the quarter), then in the second quarter to WR **Darreus Rogers** (6 yards following an interception by S **Gerald Bowman**) and WR **Nelson Agholor** (14 yards following a fumble recovery by LB **Hayes Pullard** that was forced by OLB **J.R. Tavai**).

Notre Dame then replaced starting QB Everett Golson, who came into the game ranked in the national Top 10 in passing TDs, total offense and passing yardage but completed just 7-of-18 throws for 75 yards and was sacked 3 times, with QB Malik Zaire, who got ND on the board late in the half with his 11-yard TD run.

But the Trojans scored on their first 2 possessions of the second half, on a 9-yard Kessler pass to TE **Randall Telfer** and then a 16-yard run by TB **Justin Davis** before the Irish countered with a 1-yard run by RB Greg Bryant to finish the game's scoring.

USC piled up 577 total yards on 93 plays, had a Notre Dame opponent record 35 first downs, converted 13-of-18 third downs and held the ball 37:39. ND had 349 total yards on 64 plays, 20 first downs and converted 6-of-14 third downs.

Agholor caught 12 passes for 120 yards, WR **JuJu Smith** had 5 grabs for 48 yards and Farmer had 4 for 85 yards. TB **Javorius Allen** ran for a game-best 93 yards on 19 carries, while Davis added 81 yards on 19 tries. Bowman and S **John Plattenburg** each had 7 tackles, S-OLB **Su'a Cravens** added 6 stops and Tavai had 3.5 sacks among his 5 tackles. Jackson, who started at both wide receiver and cornerback, became the first Trojan to start a game on offense and defense since at least the late 1960s when records of starters were kept (2 platoon football began in 1965). PK **Andre Heidari**, who hit all 7 of his PATs, set the Pac-12 career records for PATs made and attempted.

For Notre Dame, which suffered its fourth straight loss and fifth in 6 games after opening the season at 6-0, Bryant ran for 79 yards on 7 attempts, Zaire was 9-of-20 for 170 yards and WR Will Fuller had 5 receptions for 75 yards.

It was USC's 1,200th game and made **Steve Sarkisian** only the third USC head coach to win his debut against Notre Dame. It was only the 12th time in the series that both teams were unranked and the first time since 1986 that both were coming off a loss. USC had on-field celebrations for the 50th and 40th anniversaries of its famous comeback victories over Notre Dame in 1964 and1974, as well as for the upcoming movie "Unbroken" about former USC Olympic distance runner and war hero Louis Zamperini.

SCORING

First Quarter

USC – Farmer 48-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
USC – Jackson 16-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
USC – Farmer 31-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)

Second Quarter

USC – Rogers 6-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
USC – Agholor 14-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
ND – Zaire 11-yard run (Brindza kick)

Third Quarter

USC – Telfer 9-yard pass from Kessler (Heidari kick)
USC – Davis 16-yard run (Heidari kick)
ND – Bryant 1-yard run (Brindza kick)

USC	STATISTICS	NOTRE DAME
35	First Downs	20
205	Net Yards Rushing	104
372	Net Yards Passing	245
40	Passes Attempted	39
32	Passes Completed	16
0	Had Intercepted	1
93	Total Plays	64
577	Total Yards	349
2/35.5	Punts/Avg	5/40.0
0/0	Fumbles-Lost	2/1
6/45	Penalties/Yards	3/35
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TOP INDIVIDUALS

RUSHING – Allen (USC) 19-93; Davis (USC) 19-81; Bryant (ND) 7-79; Toland (USC) 6-20; Zaire (ND) 6-18; Folston (ND) 4-14; McDaniel (ND) 3-11.
PASSING – Kessler (USC) 32-40-372; Zaire (ND) 9-20-170; Golson (ND) 7-18-75.
RECEIVING – Agholor (USC) 12-120; Fuller (ND) 5-75; J. Smith (USC) 5-48; Farmer (USC) 4-85; Robinson (ND) 3-34; Telfer (USC) 3-28; Dixon (USC) 3-27; Prosise (ND) 2-45; Rogers (USC) 2-20; Folston (ND) 2-13.

TROJANS IN THE NEWS

USC receiver Nelson Agholor lets his play do the talking

By Vincent Bonsignore, Los Angeles Daily News, 11/18/14

Maybe it just comes along with playing wide receiver. Or perhaps just the nature of the position lends itself to selfish tendencies.

In any case, from Chad Ochocinco to Terrell Owens to Randy Moss right on up to Michael Crabtree and Dez Bryant, there is just something so me-me about the guys lining up wide and making their living winning one-on-one battles with opposing cornerbacks.

Often angrily, while playing with a chip on their shoulder bigger than any this side of the Rockies.

Not to mention loudly, boisterously and demonstratively.

Which brings us to USC's top wide receiver, who bucks that image so unequivocally you'd think he was some anonymous offensive lineman reporting to work every day with a lunch pail and hard hat.

Until he explodes off the line of scrimmage, then effortlessly eludes his defender out of an impeccable break before lifting gracefully to haul in a long pass.

That's when it hits you that Nelson Agholor is every bit the role of dynamic showman, capable of catching 16 passes for 216 yards and two touchdowns like he did last week against Cal — one game after going for 220 yards against Washington State.

In the process, Agholor became the first USC wide receiver to top 200 yards receiving in back-to-back games.

"I thought it was really cool to see, and it continued to show, in my opinion, that he's the best receiver in the country," Trojans quarterback Cody Kessler said.

Agholor has piled up 82 receptions for 1,079 yards and 10 touchdowns heading into Saturday's crosstown rivalry game against UCLA, numbers so impressive Agholor was recently named a semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award, given to the nation's top receiver.

"It's an amazing honor," Agholor said.

He may not talk like your typical star wide receiver and he certainly doesn't act like one.

But he sure does play like a guy destined to make a bunch of money catching touchdown passes one day in the National Football League.

"An explosive player," Kessler marveled.

But one without all the baggage of some of the great wide receivers that came before him.

Which likely explains how Agholor patiently bided his time the first two years while playing behind USC greats Robert Woods and Marqise Lee, never once complaining or hinting he might transfer.

He arrived at USC one of the most heralded prospects in the country out of Tampa, Fla. Yet he never acted entitled or deserving of anything other than a chance to get better.

"It's a process," Agholor said of that time in his career. "Football is always a process no matter what level you play at."

College football is littered with former high school All-Americans who quickly ran out of patience and transferred out of frustration — quarterbacks and receivers usually the most impatient of them all.

Agholor looks at things a bit differently, and instead chafing at playing in someone's shadow his first two seasons, he used his time wisely.

"I had an opportunity to learn for two great years behind two great players," Agholor said.

"I don't get frustrated about playing," he continued. "I mean, you practice more than you actually play. I'm out here, every day, to get the opportunity to play the game of football. And practicing every day preparing to one day be a great player. And I'm still in that process."

It's why Agholor quickly shrugged off the record-breaking night he enjoyed against Cal while pointing out the third-down conversion he didn't catch.

And it's why Agholor is often the first player to report to practice and the last to leave — even on an off day.

As was the case soon after torching Washington State two weeks ago.

"The next day, he was the first guy on the field, and we had no practice," USC coach Steve Sarkisian said. "He was catching balls on the Jugs machine. Work ethic pays off, hard work pays off."

Finally, it's why Agholor has made it a point to take younger teammates, like freshman JuJu Smith, under his wing. Not out of obligation, but because he genuinely cares about creating a legacy that extends beyond just the playing field.

For Agholor, being great isn't simply how many catches you make.

It's what kind of mark you leave as a leader, too.

"He wants them to be great," Kessler said. "Which is really great when you have a guy working on his own thing and his draft stock and his game, yet he's making sure the younger guys are working as well."

It's almost the antithesis of what you'd expect from a star wide receiver who has caught the attention of the nation and NFL alike through a spectacular breakout year,

But it's truly who Nelson Agholor is.

"I just want to show them how much I care and how important that is," Agholor said about tutoring his younger teammates, which often means dragging them to extra workouts with him.

"It defines a special team," he explained. "Guys that care about each other. Coaches that care about each other. Those are the kind of teams that do special things. When the coaches care about their players and the (players) care about each other and they care about the coaches. That's when you have a special team.

"X's and O's aside, it's a special group of people when they truly care. Care enough to sacrifice. Care enough to go the extra mile. Those types of teams do special things."

Agholor may not talk like your typical wide receiver.

But he plays like the best in the country.

USC receiver Nelson Agholor gets his turn to lead — and does

By GARY KLEIN, Los Angeles Times, September 10, 2014

Nelson Agholor is meticulous.

USC's star receiver studies film of opponents in the McKay Center, and then for hours nightly at home.

Agholor's attention to detail is evident — and not only when he's making clutch catches, as he did in last week's victory at Stanford.

During a practice this week, Agholor and other receivers stood on the sideline preparing to begin a drill. Agholor wiped his eyes and face with a paper towel. Most players discard items such as tape or towels onto the turf for student managers to clean up later.

Agholor spied a trash receptacle and jogged over to toss it in.

"It helps in life," he said of being mindful, "because it's something that goes further than football and it translates to football."

After two seasons as an understudy to All-Americans Robert Woods and Marqise Lee, Agholor has emerged this season as quarterback Cody Kessler's top target.

The junior from Florida caught two touchdown passes in the Trojans' opening rout of Fresno State.

On the first, he outmuscled a defender and then leaped to catch a short pass near the left corner of the end zone. On the second, he nimbly split defenders and caught a laser from Kessler on the right side of the end zone.

Agholor had a career-best nine catches in USC's 13-10 victory at Stanford Stadium last week, a win that propelled USC to No. 9 in the Associated Press media poll heading into Saturday's nonconference game at Boston College.

Five of Agholor's receptions came on third down, including a 29-yard catch-and-run during the Trojans' game-deciding field-goal drive in the fourth quarter.

Offensive coordinator Clay Helton said Agholor's experience alongside Woods and Lee paid off against the Cardinal.

"Now he's having the opportunity to make some big-time plays in a big-time game," Helton said. "You could see his maturity and the amount of experience that's in his game right now."

Kessler, who has been housemates with Agholor, trusts the fellow team captain. Kessler noted the receiver's knack for getting open when the quarterback has to scramble.

"Nelson isn't good at just one factor of the game," Kessler said. "He can run the deep ball … he can also do short game, do the quick game, be physical over the middle. It results in him getting a lot of catches."

Agholor's production has steadily increased in his two-plus seasons.

As a freshman, Agholor was the third option behind Woods and Lee, who rank first and second in career catches at USC. Agholor caught 19 passes, two for touchdowns.

Last season, with Lee the returning Biletnikoff Award winner, six of Agholor's 56 catches went for touchdowns. He also scored twice in one game on punt returns.

This season, the 6-foot-1, 190-pound Agholor is the Trojans' go-to receiver.

"My job is to make plays that come my way," he said. "I don't look at roles or labels."

Woods and Lee both made themselves available for the NFL draft after their junior seasons. The Buffalo Bills chose Woods in the second round in 2013. The Jacksonville Jaguars made Lee a second-round pick in 2014.

As a junior, Agholor will be eligible for the 2015 NFL draft.

"He's quick, with good body control and hands," said an NFL team scout, who requested anonymity because he is not authorized by his organization to speak publicly about prospects. "The quarterback almost relies on him too much. He's a definite pro prospect."

One who still has work to do during practice, Agholor said.

"We literally have to physically take him out or he'll take every single rep," Coach Steve Sarkisian said.

Agholor's example is not lost on USC's younger players.

Sophomore Darreus Rogers considers Agholor "a natural born leader."

"He likes to see other dudes making the same plays that he makes," Rogers said. "Everything he says, I just try to take it in and listen so I can be as great as he is."

Agholor described his film study as a "therapeutic" exercise that helps him against opponents.

Freshmen such as JuJu Smith are following Agholor's lead.

"He invites me over to his house, he has a big projector and we just go over stuff like that," Smith said. "He's like my mentor."

Agholor is comfortable in the role.

With Woods and Lee gone to the NFL, he is not shy about encouraging teammates to prepare, practice hard and pay attention to details.

Agholor is animated and effusive when they perform well.

"I love to congratulate them when they make plays," he said, "because it shows that I care, and it's going to go far for us."

Tailback U: Catching Up with Javorius "Buck" Allen

By Diane Krieger, Autum 2014, Trojan Family Magazine

LAST YEAR JAVORIUS "Buck" Allen roared from the bottom of USC's depth chart, rushing for 785 yards and scoring 14 touchdowns to help the sanction-hampered Trojans finish the season with a 10-4 record.

Those touchdowns, executed "all in spectacular fashion," according to a Los Angeles Times profile published days before the Trojans' epic victory over No. 5 Stanford, helped spark a U-turn for USC's 2013 season.

But to people who know the 6-foot-1-inch, 220-pound tailback from Tallahassee, Florida, the most inspiring turnaround didn't take place on the field. It happened in the classroom.

"The football part I knew I was prepared for," says Allen, now a fourth-year junior. "But the academic part hit me kind of hard."

Within weeks of starting his freshman year, Allen struggled with college coursework. Denise Kwok, a learning specialist and director of athlete academic support with USC's Student-Athlete Academic Services, saw his difficulties firsthand. "When Buck got here," Kwok says, "he didn't realize how college works in general, how quickly it goes, the level of academic rigor."

Allen had come from a rough background. Growing up poor in Miccosukee, a rural town in northeastern Florida, and raised from a toddler by his grandmother, he was only 12 when his older brother Devon—the only father figure he'd ever known—went to prison for attempted murder.

Football offered Allen structure. With the help of Alice and Mickey Cullen, friends who took him under their wing from middle school on, Allen graduated from Tallahassee's Lincoln High School and received scholarship offers from football powerhouses like Alabama, Auburn and USC. Signing with the Trojans meant he'd have to take additional high school math and chemistry to meet NCAA eligibility clearinghouse requirements. By the time he finished those courses, the fall 2011

semester was already underway. He'd missed football training camp and didn't know the playbook, which meant redshirting his freshman year.

But the young man in the No. 37 jersey has gone from a D average to a B average. With help from Kwok and others, the sociology major has transformed from a silent, back-row sulker to an intense, front-row learner who consistently shows up during faculty office hours. "It was pretty cool to see," Kwok says. "Since he's developed more self-confidence on the field, his academic confidence has increased."

Professional football looms large in Allen's near-term plans, but down the road he sees himself working with children. Maybe he'll go for a master's in social work, he says.

Bursting into the Trojan football limelight last winter—just as he reached NFL draft eligibility—Allen admits he was tempted to quit school. Driving him was the knowledge that he could finally provide for his family financially. "It just hurts to go home and see the situation they are in," he says. "Everybody's counting on me."

But he resisted the temptation.

"You have to take care of yourself before you can take care of somebody else—my grandma told me that," he says. "I knew if I stayed I could get my degree in a year, and then I could help my family."

Allen hasn't seen or spoken to his brother Devon since starting USC, and a ban on cellphone use by inmates keeps the brothers from talking.

"I write him, though. He just wrote me back recently," says Allen, smiling. He knows Devon has access to television. "I always wondered, this past season, is he watching me playing?"

Younger brother Deonshaye, now 18, also weighs on his mind. After Allen left for USC, the teenager got into trouble with drugs and fighting. But now his older brother's success in school may be serving as an example. Deonshaye has signed up for the ACT college admission exam, Allen says. "I'm proud of him."

Gerald Bowman's 7-Year Journey to USC Starting Safety

By ShotgunSpratling, Sept. 12, 2014, Conquest Chronicles

The opening week of the USC football season was a trying and tumultuous week for the defensive backs. Not because of anything that happened on the field, but because of everything that happened off of it.

Josh Shaw went from actual hero to suspended goat while cornerback-turned-running back Anthony Brown quit the team and called Steve Sarkisian a racist as he napalmed the USC football bridges as he walked out the door.

A secondary that had once been projected to feature four players with significant experience was down to junior cornerback Kevon Seymour, sophomore safety Su'a Cravens and a hodgepodge of inexperienced players, including a trio of true freshmen that all saw significant action immediately, playing in USC's 52-13 romp of Fresno State in the season opener and last weekend's 13-10 upset of No. 13 Stanford.

But for one veteran the entire roller coaster start to the season was just another small part of the journey.

From unrecruited to scam school to working man to junior college to benchwarming and now starter, redshirt senior safety Gerald Bowman has had quite an arduous adventure. And Bowman wasn't going to let the off-the-field distractions take away from an opportunity that's been seven years in the making.

"We just wanted to come out and play, just finally play an not worry about what they're saying about this person or that person," Bowman said after the Fresno State game. "We just came out and we played."

And Bowman has played damn well. Against the Bulldogs, he led the secondary with five tackles. He had one pass breakup and in the second quarter, he collected his second career interception. Bowman credited the pressure the defensive front put on Fresno State's Brandon Connette and the team's discipline for his big play.

"As a whole — the whole defense — we executed what we were supposed to do. For me, I just stuck to the technique and what I was taught."

Bowman saw a receiver in the flat and was playing high to low as his safety position dictates, anticipating a potential throw to the short receiver. But when Connette delivered a duck when trying to throw to a deeper target while fleeing from the defensive line pressure, Bowman pounced.

"He threw the ball and I made a play and just reacted off of it."

Kevon Seymour slowed up Fresno State's fastest receiver while Su'a Cravens was at the forefront of a convoy of defenders trying to guide Bowman to the end zone. Bowman raced up the left sideline, but when he looked over his right shoulder to glance at an offensive lineman that he raced by, Bowman lost his balance and stepped out of bounds after a 36-yard return.

"He got too happy or excited and ran out of bounds on accident. I had his lead block," Cravens said following the game. A few days later, Cravens joked: "He swears up and down he didn't step out of bounds. He stepped out of bounds. I saw it on film. I guess he was scared of the limelight."

"I told him he was afraid of carrying the rock. He started telling me about how he had been a running back and all the yards and touchdowns he scored," Seymour said immediately after the game. "But we going to kill him off in film study. We definitely going to kill him off."

Linebacker Anthony Sarao echoed Seymour's film room sentiments, but Bowman said while his teammates razzed him some, they mostly congratulated him and told him to get the "pick-six" touchdown next time.

Though Bowman was disappointed he didn't score a touchdown, the August 30 interception had even more meaning.

"My dad passed away last year on this day, so I just wanted to make sure I represented him," said the Philadelphia native who had written Philadelphia's area code ("215") and "DAD" on his eye black before the game. "I'm just representing for my dad and for my city."

Bowman's first career start for USC was a rousing success. It was also a start that had been a long time coming.

He is the elder statesman on the roster...by a hefty margin. While some of his freshmen teammates were only 17 years old when they entered USC this fall, Bowman will turn 25 years old on Halloween this year. Aaliyah once sung that "age ain't nothing but a number," but 25-year-old college football players usually only occur due to religious mission trips or a previous minor league baseball career.

Gerald Bowman's journey is instead one of fastidious belief in one's self and perseverance. Coming out of Imhotep Institute on the north side of Philly, Bowman said he wasn't highly recruited after playing safety and running back. His senior season in 2007, he rushed for 1,659 yards on 254 carries (6.5 avg.) with eight touchdowns and added 18 receptions for 220 yards (12.2 avg.).

There was a confluence of factors Bowman believes kept him from catching the scouting eye of a Division I program. He was at a relatively new charter school that hadn't established strong athletic programs and the young coaching staff hadn't created connections with many college coaches yet. Philadelphia isn't known as a hotbed of talent like Western Pennsylvania and Bowman admits he didn't really know about the camps and recruiting/scouting events that have seen an explosion in recent years.

After not receiving any Division I offers, Bowman and his best friend, quarterback Clinton Granger, decided to attend North Carolina Tech, a prep school in Charlotte, to boost their test scores and retake some courses. But the school turned out to be more of a scam than a legit academic institution. Classes were rare with the school essentially shutting down when football coach (and headmaster) Tim Newman wasn't around.

ESPN's investigative reporting show, Outside the Lines, found the school to be a money-making rouse that went after kids like Bowman who weren't on the recruiting/showcase circuit and weren't from traditional high school powers.

Former coaches say the program, which costs several thousand dollars to attend, targets teenagers in dire straits, often from backgrounds naive to recruiting and eligibility guidelines, who either don't meet NCAA academic standards or failed to attract college scholarship offers.

The NCAA Eligibility Center flagged the school's curriculum multiple times. As Bowman told ESPN's Corey Long in 2011, "the classes we were taking weren't accepted by the NCAA and in actually it was kind of a scam."

After the North Carolina Tech adventure, the prep school teammates Bowman and Granger knew dispersed across the country.

"Some guys stopped playing football. Some guys went to D1. Some guys went to D2. Some went to junior college," Granger said.

Gerald Bowman returned home to Philadelphia.

While sitting out the rest of the 2008-2009 school year and the following year, Bowman contemplated going the traditional route, just getting an education at a trade school or another school nearby. He wasn't sure if he wanted to play football again, but knew if he did that he wanted to compete at the highest level.

"I always felt I could play at a Division I level, so I wouldn't take anything less than that," Bowman said. "If I got to sit out or whatever it is, I didn't want to go play Division II or Division III."

Not wanting to start his NCAA eligibility clock (NCAA athletes have five calendar years to play four seasons once they register as a full-time student), in case a football opportunity presented itself, Bowman decided to delay enrolling in trade school. Instead, he spent time with his family, working and taking care of his mother.

Granger took his chances at a junior college in Kansas, but didn't like the rural country living. Following two of his North Carolina Tech receivers he had kept in touch with, Granger transferred toPierce College in Los Angeles. Once at Pierce,

Granger showed the coaching staff film of Bowman and tried to convince his best friend since childhood to pick up the pads and join him in LA.

"They had seen his film and just kept asking about him, wanting him to come down," Clinton Grangersaid. "I called him and told him what the coaches had said about him, but he was still uncertain of what he wanted to do."

For Bowman, the game changer came in the Spring of 2010 when Granger received his first Division I offer.

"They don't really have spring ball. There's no pads or anything. He was just like working out," Gerald Bowman said. "He wound up getting an offer from a Division I school and I was excited about that. I was like well if you can do it, I can do it too, so let's get it!"

With the support of Granger and their prep school teammates, Bowman made the decision to leave the comforts of home and go play football nearly 3,000 miles away. Out of shape to begin with, he had to grind. Bowman worked and worked. A new opportunity depended on it.

"From where we come from, there's not much for us to really do besides fall in love with sports or go to the streets really," Granger said. "It shows how tough he is mentally. He has drive and he has a purpose in life. He knows what he wants and he knows how to get it."

A strong freshman campaign at Pierce College (58 tackles, a sack and an interception) earned Bowman unanimous JC Athletic Bureau All-State All-Region VI first team and All-Pacific Conference first team honors. Soon after Arizona State offered the long-coveted Division I scholarship he had been searching more than three years for.

From there, things "skyrocketed," according to Granger. While Granger accepted an offer from hometown Temple, Bowman received several offers and excelled on the field for Pierce. He tallied 52 tackles, a sack, an interception, a fumble recovery and a forced fumble as he was named Defensive Player of the Year for Region VI and the All-Pacific Conference.

Pierce head coach Efrain Martinez called him the best safety the school had ever had and Bowman was labeled as one of the hardest hitters in the nation. He was ranked as the top junior college safety in the country and Rivals named him the nation's top JUCO recruit ahead of current NFL star Cordarrelle Patterson.

With his choice of Pac-12 schools as well as a bevy of other offers from top-tier national programs, Bowman narrowed his final decision to USC, Miami and Oklahoma before selecting the Trojans. After the North Carolina Tech experience, academics played a large part in Bowman's decision.

"I've always stated education and my future success after college and after football was very, very important to me," Bowman told 247sports after making his announcement.

"He wanted to go somewhere that he had an opportunity, not in football, but an opportunity in life — somewhere with a strong alumni," Clinton Granger said.

While Bowman's road to success seemed paved, the journey was nowhere near complete. Each time he was supposed to have a chance to prove himself and earn playing time in the cardinal and gold, anobstacle obstructed his path.

Instead of being able to enroll early, academic delays cost him the chance make a spring impression on his new coaches. In the fall, he got the opportunity to compete against the best on a day-to-day basis at USC, but joining a stacked safety corps that featured future NFLers T.J. McDonald and Jawanza Starling as well as senior Drew McAllister and junior Demetrius Wright, Bowman found himself buried on the depth chart as a backup.

He played in all 13 games in 2012, but made just 11 tackles. The majority of his playing time came on special teams and his only significant time on defense came in a blowout of Colorado. He made the most of the time against the Buffalos recording four tackles — his only multi-tackle game of the season — and his first career interception.

When McDonald, Starling and McAllister graduated, Bowman looked to be next in line, but Florida transfer Josh Shaw floated back and forth between safety and cornerback, Dion Bailey was moved back to the safety position and Lane Kiffin brought in a pair of five-star recruits in Leon McQuay IIIand Su'a Cravens.

Bowman was ready to compete and make his senior season special, but he missed the 2013 spring after dealing with compartment syndrome in his calf muscle. It was an omen for the remainder of the 2013 calendar year.

Bowman was struggling to impress Lane Kiffin in fall camp. He was dealing with a lingering shoulder injury that ended up needing surgery and costing him the season after he played sparingly in only three of the first five games.

As if he didn't have enough to cope with, Bowman's father, Reginald Hunt, died in his sleep due to medication complications the day after the Trojans' season opening 30-13 win over Hawai'i. It was a sudden situation that forced Gerald to attend to bi-coastal matters. While he was trying to heal his body and play his way onto the field, he was also traveling home and trying to be there for family and friends.

"When his dad passed away, it was kind of tough on him," Granger said. "He loves his family, but he's so tough-minded and he's so strong, he does everything right. If anybody needs anything, he's always there to give a helping hand."

"It was an unfortunate situation, but that's life," Gerald Bowman said. "I tried to handle it as best I could."

Shortly after, Bowman played in USC's 62-41 loss to Arizona State. It was Kiffin's final game as the USC head coach. It was also Bowman's final action of the season. Shoulder surgery sidelined him for the remainder of the season. He was granted a medical redshirt, giving him the opportunity to come back for a final shot at football.

More importantly, Bowman finished up his undergraduate studies in the spring graduating with a degree in communications.

"Through all his obstacles and through all my obstacles I've been through too, it just shows how strong we are being young black men in society trying to obtain a goal and obtain a college degree," said Granger, who graduated from Temple in 2013. "It just shows the will to win and the will to compete and get out there and get after it."

Bowman put that will on further display this spring. While most people expected Bowman to play behind to Su'a Cravens and Leon McQuay III this season, Bowman showed he wasn't intent on being a backup. Instead, the shoulder surgery allowed him to display his hard-hitting nature.

"Gerald is probably the hardest hitter on the team, but he's smart," Su'a Cravens said. "If you had to give Gerald a quiz on the ins and outs of the playbook, the adjustments, Gerald would get a 100 on it because he's always watching film; he's always in his playbook. He's even telling me things I wouldn't even know."

By quickly picking up the playbook of head coach Steve Sarkisian and the new coaching staff, Bowman showed he could make all the correct calls. He showcased his ability to close quickly from the secondary to provide run support and brought an infectious work ethic.

"He brings a senior attitude, grateful of the opportunity, embraces every day he gets to be out here whether it's on game days or practices," Sarkisian said. "I think that that is really contagious. He appreciates the opportunity he has and he makes the most of it every day he takes the field. And I think it's a great message to send to our younger players."

The inclusion of the "Dollar" package, which moves Cravens down into the box as a hybrid linebacker-safety, opened more opportunities for Bowman. His strong practices in both the spring and fall pushed him into a starting role.

"He's been our most consistent safety making calls and doing what we ask him to," defensive backs coach Keith Heyward said. "I'm excited for him because it's been a long road, especially with last year and the personal battles that he had. This opportunity is great because he's taken advantage of every moment."

Bowman excelled against Fresno State, but how would he follow that up? Beating up on a Mountain West team is one thing, doing that against No. 13 Stanford would be a completely different deal. This was the same Cardinal program that has become known as the nation's premier power team.

With USC committing extra players at the line of scrimmage to try to stop Stanford's bread-and-butter rushing attack, Bowman was tasked with making sure the Cardinal speedster receivers Ty Montgomery, Devon Cajuste and Michael Rector didn't get over the top for huge gains.

"Everyone had to make sure they executed their assignment," Gerald Bowman said. "No missed assignments because one miss and they can create a big play. We just had to make sure we do what we do."

The senior did his job keeping the speedy trio in front of him, coming through with 10 tackles — one shy of Leonard Williams' and Anthony Sarao's game high.

"I thought it was indicative of how he performed in spring and fall. Gerald's been very in-tuned in practice and meetings and I think it shows up," USC defensive coordinator Justin Wilcox said. "He hadn't played a ton of football here before, but I'm not surprised how he's playing because that's how he practices."

Hard work has been the one consistent throughout Bowman's odyssey.

"I know his dad's definitely looking down on him and is proud of him. I guess the interception and everything was for him. It was meant to happen," Granger said.

"Some people's plans and journeys are different. It just made him stronger and strengthened his will to succeed."

USC's Su'a Cravens to show versatility this week vs. Oregon State

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If you ask Su'a Cravens what position he plays, his answer is Sam linebacker.

This week, anyways.

Playing multiple positions is nothing new for Cravens who played running back, wide receiver, linebacker, safety, and special teams during his high school days at Vista Murrieta.

Under first year defensive coordinator Justin Wilcox, Cravens' versatility is being utilized for the Trojans defensively.

During camp, Cravens moved around from safety to nickel cornerback and even linebacker.

This week against one of the top quarterbacks in the country it's at Sam where Cravens' skills can best be utilized to try to slow downSean Mannion and the Beavers attack.

"Whenever they need me to play Sam for a certain team they're going to put me down here and when they need me back at safety then I'll go back there," said Cravens, who is tied for first on the team in tackles for loss and pass breakups. "I just like being next to the ball and making plays and I think these coaches are doing a great job of putting me in that position."

This will be Cravens' first time playing against Oregon State. In USC's 31-14 win in Corvallis that made them bowl eligible for the first time following a two-year postseason ban, Cravens was sidelined with a groin injury. Still the USC defense slowed down Mannion, who at the time was one of the hottest quarterbacks in the nation.

The Trojans held the Beavers to just 2-of-11 on third down and picked Mannion off three times.

To have success yet again against Oregon State, Cravens figures to play a huge role defensively. It's a role in which he's going to have to be even more alert than normal especially in the passing game.

"The routes are going to develop much faster just because I'm not that 15 yards back I'm going to have to see things a little bit quicker and as Coach Sark said they like to stack (their wide receivers) and they like to get people on islands and mismatches so I have to be ready for that," Cravens said.

Sarkisian credits Cravens' high football IQ for allowing him to be able to be so versatile for USC defensively because he "gets the game of football." The nature in which Cravens fits into the defense under this regime is similar to how Washington used highly touted freshman Shaq Thompson when Sarkisian and Wilcox were in Seattle last season.

Noting Cravens' high football IQ as well, Wilcox said there is never a concern about overloading him with too much information. For as versatile as he is, Cravens is still only a sophomore with 16 career games under his belt but he can handle all that comes his way.

"He's a very bright guy," Wilcox said. "If we felt like it was a concern we wouldn't do it. It's best for our team right now. I think it's best for Su'a right now. He's a better football player knowing what's going on around him."

For USC's George Farmer, the long wait was worth it

By Vincent Bonsignore, Los Angeles Daily News, 11/29/14

In football time, George Farmer waited three seasons, 50 games, a pair of coaching changes, a position switch and one season-ending injury to put on the kind of show he did Saturday at the Coliseum.

In real time, it might as well have been a lifetime.

Ironic, then, how it took USC's senior wide receiver merely six minutes of the first quarter Saturday to finally show everyone why he was considered one of the most dynamic prospects in the country four years ago, and why so many predicted he'd emerge as the premier playmaker among fellow Serra High standouts Marqise Lee and Robert Woods.

And why you could almost here fans saying "so that's what all the hype was about" when Farmer cracked open a can of Trojans beatdown by blowing the lid off the Notre Dame defense on a pair of long, first-quarter touchdown catches.

In the process, it pointed USC to a ridiculously easy 49-14 win over their long-time rivals in which the offense clicked like it hasn't all season, and Farmer and the rest of the Trojans skill players combined with quarterback Cody Kessler to embarrass the Irish.

All the hype, indeed.

"Awesome," is how Farmer described his afternoon.

Mixed in with a bit of told-you-so for a kid who arrived at USC with as much fanfare as any recruit in 2011, but then took an immediate backseat to Woods and Lee while enduring a slew of setbacks and hardships that severely tested his commitment and resolve over the last four years.

Only to have it finally come to fruition on a brilliant late fall afternoon in Los Angeles, in which he played a pivotal role in USC dominating Notre Dame.

"It felt great, dude," Farmer exhaled. "I'm glad I stuck through it."

For everyone involved, it's been an excruciatingly long wait.

But considering the stage, the opponent and the historical backdrop from which Framer crafted his breakout performance, he wasn't complaining one bit.

Besides, he's never once bemoaned all the obstacles standing in his path to stardom — the injuries, the position changes, the depth chart issues and the constant game plans structured around Woods or Lee or Nelson Agholor over the years.

And he certainly wasn't about to start on Saturday.

On the contrary, in fact.

Farmer would rather be an example of perseverance rather than a martyr of someone done wrong.

"My message to anyone who's ever had injuries or any adversity is to keep pushing through it," said Farmer, who revealed Saturday he is definitely coming back next season. "There's brighter days on the other side."

He's living proof of it.

Back in 2011, Farmer was considered on par with the best wide receiver prospects in the country. He wasn't just football fast, he had the kind of explosive speed that leaves track and field coaches ruing the day football and basketball came along to steer spectacular athletes their way with promises of immediate fame and potential riches.

As a junior at Serra, Farmer took second in the 100 meters at the 2010 California state finals with a blazing mark of 10.45 seconds. And in 2011, he was the 100-meter champion at the Arcadia Invitational and the Del Rey League champion in the 100 and 200 meters before an ankle injury ended his season.

He's that's fast.

Woods was the polished, precision route runner.

Lee the uncanny play maker.

But it's the 6-foot-1, 220-pound Farmer who is blessed with the element of sheer speed and power, and combined with his sure hands, he's the kind of weapon opposing coaches stay awake at night worrying about.

"George Farmer is a big, strong, physical guy who can run," USC coach Steve Sarkisian said.

No surprise, then, that many analysts felt he was the best prospect among his extraordinarily talented group of high school wide receivers.

Only things didn't quite work out that way.

Woods and Lee both enjoyed spectacular careers at USC and are now in the NFL.

Farmer, meanwhile, moved to running back midway through his freshman year in 2011 and appeared in just four games, then shifted back to wide receiver as a sophomore while catching just one pass in nine games.

He was in line for a bigger role heading into 2013, but blew his knee out in practice and missed the entire season.

By the beginning of this year, Farmer was slotted behind Nelson Agholor and Darreus Rodgers and alongside flashy recruits JuJu Smith and Adoree Jackson in the USC receiver mix.

Agholor has emerged as one of the best wideouts in the country, and Smith and Jackson look like stars in the making.

Farmer, meanwhile, just kept chipping away, biding his time. A nagging hamstring injury slowed him down a bit to start the season, but his health and comfort level have improved over the last month and he's finally beginning to flash as a deep threat.

"He's a great complement to Nelson and JuJu," Sarkisian said. "When people double Nelson or play him single high and George is one-on-one, he's a tough match up because he can go. He can get down the field."

He showed that on Saturday, exploding past Notre Dame cornerback Cole Luke early in the first quarter for a 48-yard touchdown catch to put USC up 7-0, then beating the Irish defense to the end zone to haul in a 31-yard touchdown pass from Kessler to give the Trojans a 21-0 lead.

USC was on its way to a rout.

For Farmer, who finished with four catches for 85 yards, it was a coming-out party.

"It felt great. It's very heartwarming," Farmer said. "I've been here for awhile, just to get those two plays I'd been longing for, it feels great."

And now he is an example of patience and persistence.

"If you give up, you never know what's in store for you," Farmer said. "Being off for a whole year, or that I didn't have the best career here, that makes me get up with a chip on my shoulder every day and realize I've been through a lot, but it's no reason to quit.

"I'm glad that it all worked out like it did."

Cody Kessler quietly becomes star QB

November 13, 2014, By Ted Miller, ESPN.com

LOS ANGELES — Since the turn of the millennium, there has been no more celebrated spot in college football than quarterback at USC. It's produced two Heisman Trophy winners and household names pretty much every year, even after the NCAA kicked its jackboot through the front door of Heritage Hall. If you are a college football fan of just about any stripe, you know who the USC quarterback is.

So... who is the USC quarterback?

Most Pac-12 fans, after perhaps a short pause, went, "I know this... Kessler... Oh, Cody Kessler!" Just about everyone else drew a blank.

And yet Kessler is turning in a season that pretty much matches — at least statistically — the best of the USC QBs, and his name is replacing many of them in the Trojans record book.

Kessler has completed 69.7 percent of his throws while averaging 283 yards per game, with 25 TDs and just two interceptions. He is fourth nationally in both completion percentage and passing efficiency (168.2), and that efficiency number is on pace to break Mark Sanchez's season record of 164.6 set in 2008. Kessler ranks ninth in the nation in ESPN's Total QBR.

Against Power 5 opponents, his passing efficiency (164.7) is second best in the nation, his completion percentage (70.0 percent) is third and his passing TDs (21) are fourth. No quarterback in the nation has thrown as many passes as Kessler and had only two interceptions, and only one besides Kessler has thrown at least 25 TDs with just two interceptions.

Of course, ahead of Kessler in most measures and casting a long shadow is Oregon quarterbackMarcus Mariota, a frontrunner for the Heisman. That isn't surprising. But it is surprising that in the Pac-12, owner the nation's deepest and most talented class of quarterbacks, it is Kessler who leads the race for second-team All-Pac-12 and not, say, UCLA's Brett Hundley or Arizona State'sTaylor Kelly.

Kessler's season has not gone unnoticed, as he is one of five finalists for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, presented to the nation's top senior or fourth-year junior quarterback, along with Mariota and Hundley.

It also should be noted his numbers shouldn't be surprising as he quietly finished the 2013 season on a notable uptick, particularly after Lane Kiffin was fired. After throwing two interceptions at Arizona State last Sept. 28 — Kiffin was fired at LAX the same night — Kessler threw 14 touchdown passes and just three interceptions in the final nine games, and just one pick in the final five.

"If you look at the second half of last season, I think Cody really came on with his game," first-year USC coach Steve Sarkisian said. "It just continued to build on that momentum. No. 1 is his confidence, his belief in himself and the guys around him. No. 2, we were implementing a new scheme that fits his skill set. He's been making really good decisions with the football."

This season, Kessler threw a school-record seven touchdown passes against Colorado last month and followed up earlier this month with five against Washington State while reaching 400 yards for the first time in his career.

"He doesn't take any chances, that's the biggest thing," Washington State coach Mike Leach said. "They do a lot of things to make sure he's successful out there."

Leach has seen two Kesslers. In 2013, Kessler went 8 of 13 for 41 yards with an interception in a Cougars upset at USC, a notable nail in Kiffin's coffin. It has been noted frequently that Kiffin seemed to prefer big-armed Max Wittek in USC's 2013 QB competition, even though Kessler had decisively outplayed him as Matt Barkley's backup and during their spring and preseason battle. Nonetheless, Kessler has refused to take shots at Kiffin, who seemed reluctant to let Kessler throw the ball downfield, despite a talented crew of receivers.

"We had a good relationship that last year. He obviously gave me the job after a while," Kessler said of Kiffin. "[But], at times, I felt like I could do more and I wasn't allowed to do more."

Kessler was freed up when Clay Helton took over play-calling last season and has thrived with Sarkisian calling the Trojans' new up-tempo offense, with Helton remaining as QB coach.

Said Kessler, "I've really, really taken the next step with Coach Helton and Coach Sark, studying a lot more film throughout the week, knowing my opponent, knowing what look we're going to get when we line up in what formation, knowing where I'm going with the ball each and every play."

While Kessler's numbers have been outstanding, the ultimate measure of all USC quarterbacks is winning championships. At the very least, they need to beat UCLA and Notre Dame.

The junior almost certainly will have to wait until next year to make a run at the Pac-12 title. After a date with California on Thursday, he faces the Bruins and Fighting Irish over the next two weekends.

Here's a guess that if he beats both of them, his Q rating will go up considerably in Los Angeles and across the country.

USC's Cody Kessler looks like a 2015 Heisman Trophy candidate

Bill Plaschke, LOS ANGELES TIMES, NOVEMBER 29, 2014

OH yeah, him.

All season long Cody Kessler has thrown the sharpest of darts through the deepest of shadows, Brett Hundley down the road, Marcus Mariota up the coast, Steve Sarkisian on the sidelines.

He has been shrouded in a conservative offense, his team has been hampered by a late-failing defense, and his growth has been stymied by his own inability to rise above the clutter.

Finally, on Saturday afternoon, from the blue skies above the Coliseum to the long stretches of unattended green field below, the stage cleared. Finally, as if he were born to the moment, Cody Kessler stepped strongly and squarely into role of The Next Great USC Quarterback.

Oh wow, him.

He threw perfect deep balls, pretty slants, scrambling screens. He tossed six touchdown passes over glistening golden domes, threw for 372 yards against blackened Irish eyes, and even once rumbled eight yards for a first down against gimpy Gippers.

Kessler led the Trojans to a 49-14 victory over Notre Dame, then did what every USC quarterback should do after beating Notre Dame. Without even needing the slightest Bush push, he ran to one end of the emptying Coliseum field and hugged Matt Leinart.

"This game makes him a preseason Heisman Trophy candidate for next year," said Leinart, who led the team out of the tunnel with a howling pregame sprint. "His stats are amazing and he's just getting better and better."

There, somebody said it. And, yeah, Kessler is living it, unleashing his best for this biggest of national moments, just as former Trojans stars Leinart and Carson Palmer did during their Heisman Trophy-winning seasons. Palmer threw for 425 yards and four touchdowns against Notre Dame before winning his award in 2002. Leinart blitzed the Irish for 400 yards and five touchdowns two years later before claiming his prize.

Even against a young and injury-riddled Notre Dame defense, Kessler was an arm of beauty, throwing the most touchdown passes by an opposing quarterback in the 127-year history of Notre Dame football while completing a career-high 32 passes in just 40 attempts.

This season he has 36 touchdowns, four interceptions while completing 71% of his passes for 3,505 yards. Look familiar? Those numbers are at least similar, if not better, than those of Palmer and Leinart during their Heisman years.

"At some point, people are going to recognize him," said Sarkisian. "Those are some ridiculous numbers we're putting up right now."

That point has been reached. The ridiculous has arrived. This game will surely make Kessler the lead in the Trojans' bowl game narrative and the focus of their off-season buzz. The Bakersfield kid is perfect for the role. From his messy dark hair to the eye black that drips across his cheeks to the way he shrugs and defers to his teammates, he looks and acts the part of the aw-shucks stars that were once Palmer and Leinart before the bright lights.

When Kessler's touchdown-pass record was announced Saturday in the fourth quarter, the crowd roared as the giant video board showed him standing on the sideline wearing headsets. No, he did not remove them, and no, he did not immediately respond. He actually did seem embarrassed by the attention. When he finally did wave, the student section began a cheer that could be heard for the next year.

"Co-dy Kes-sler … Co-dy Kes-sler…"

In his first postgame interview on the field, he related a story about buying dinner for his offensive linemen this week, even mentioning the exact cost — $230 — with a bit of astonishment in his voice.

"I told them, kind of as a joke, 'If I'm buying, you guys are helping me out Saturday,'" he said. "And they did."

Later in his news conference, he talked about getting scolded during the weeks of practice, all while thanking Sarkisian for it.

"Sometimes they get on me, they're really hard on me, but when I get in the game, I really know where to go with the ball," he said. "I've seen the look a million times, in practice and on film."

Sarkisian, who has been painfully careful with Kessler throughout the season, is finally allowing him more freedom, with nine Trojans catching passes Saturday. Kessler, meanwhile, is finally feeling the confidence to look beyond Nelson Agholor and find those other Trojans, and they're loving it. Perhaps his most impressive feat Saturday might have been in resurrecting George Farmer, as he hit the human blur on touchdown passes of 48 and 31 yards.

"When Cody is on fire, it's kind of hard to stop him," said JuJu Smith, who caught five passes.

Kessler has another year of eligibility, and he'll be using it. Smith and Farmer will be joining him. While Saturday marked the end of an unsteady 8-4 regular season marred by awful losses including a third straight beating by UCLA, the emergence of Kessler could make this year the start of something much, much bigger.

"The sky is the limit for this offense and this team," Kessler said afterward.

That sky finally cleared Saturday, allowing the Trojans to see all the way into a 2015 season framed by a bright number 6.

Absolutely, him.

USC-UCLA game gives JuJu Smith another opportunity to grow

By GARY KLEIN, Los Angeles Times, November 16, 2014

The annual showdown between USC and UCLA means something different for every player.

There's the rivalry. The opportunity to play against old friends. A chance to etch one's name into college football lore.

For JuJu Smith, this year's game means all of that — and more.

On Saturday, USC's freshman receiver turns 18.

His record-breaking performance in the opener against Fresno State? The three-touchdown effort against Washington State? They were achieved by a humble and physically gifted 17-year-old just starting to spread his wings.

Those games offered the most public glimpse of a talented young player finding his way on the field while negotiating a road to independence off it.

So the game against the Bruins is another chance for growth.

When Smith takes the field at the Rose Bowl, he will play with maximum effort, his way of giving teammates and an expected tailgate crowd of about 100 friends and family members a gift.

And then he will give one to himself.

Smith is not USC's No. 1 receiver. That mantle belongs to junior Nelson Agholor.

But the 6-foot-2, 210-pound Smith might have more upside.

USC receivers coach Tee Martin marvels at Smith's size, speed, hands and work ethic, noting the package is everything an NFL scout looks for.

"To still be 17 years old and pick up all the things he can pick up and process and still play fast and be productive is truly amazing," Martin says.

Cody Kessler has completed 42 passes to Smith, five of them for touchdowns. The freshman's attention to detail has impressed the junior quarterback, who is on pace for a record-breaking season.

"JuJu's one of those guys that really wants to stay after practice," Kessler says, "or talk about what he needs to do on what play."

Smith burst onto the national scene in the opener by catching four passes for 123 yards, the most yards receiving by a player in his debut in USC history.

"I didn't think it was going to be that way every game," Smith says, adding, "When the time came for me to shine I took advantage of it."

Smith eclipsed 100 yards receiving again against Colorado and scored three touchdowns at Washington State.

Coach Steve Sarkisian's eyes grow wide recounting Smith's execution on an otherwise routine-looking seven-yard scoring play. It required Smith to bluff a safety, wait for a cornerback to shift his eyes into the backfield and then break free. Most young players would become anxious and impatient. Not Smith. He executed the play perfectly.

"That's the sign of maturity to me," Sarkisian says, "that he's really starting to grow."

USC is only about 20 miles from Long Beach, but it did not take long for Smith to grow homesick.

Late on the second night in his apartment at USC, he called his mother, Sammy Schuster.

"I can't sleep," he told her. "It's too quiet over here."

"If that's all you have to worry about," she said, "you're fine."

Smith's given name is John, but he was only a few months old when a young aunt tried nicknaming her nephew John

John before opting for JuJu.

"It's a pretty catchy name," Smith says.

Smith was 4 years old when Sammy was introduced to Lawrence Schuster by a mutual friend.

"When I first met his mom," Lawrence says, "I fell in love."

Lawrence also embraced JuJu and older sister, So'omalo, whose father, Sammy says, was not involved in their lives.

"When you have two kids and try to get into another relationship, it's hard to find someone who is not only going to love you, but also your kids," she says. "It takes a man with a good heart, a loving heart to take on that responsibility."

Sammy and Lawrence dated for two years and then married 12 years ago. Their close-knit family has grown to include seven children.

Lawrence guided JuJu. He helped introduce him to football and made sure he stayed on top of his grades at Long Beach Poly High, where Smith starred as a safety, receiver, running back and kick returner.

Near the end of Smith's college recruiting process, Smith told his parents during dinner one night that he would attend Oregon.

His mother congratulated her son on his decision. Later, she dropped him off at his uncles' house.

"I just lost it," she says. "It was a reality stamp: My son was leaving me."

Two days later, during a ceremony at Poly, Smith surprised his ecstatic family by announcing he would attend USC. The Trojans football program, the academic opportunities and the chance to stay close to home played roles. So did his Christian faith and his connection to Temple of Hope in Wilmington, a First Samoan Full Gospel Pentecostal church.

"I'm a very strong Christian man," he says, noting that every school he considered offered a religious opportunity on campus. "I feel safer and better coming to my own church, so every Sunday I try to go home and it feels good.

"Everybody already knows you."

That is why Smith returned to Long Beach from USC that first weekend after calling home. He spent the day wrestling and playing with younger siblings.

"He wanted to hear the noise," his mother says, "the screaming and yelling.

"He was like, 'Oh, I'm home.'"

Long Beach Poly has produced more NFL players than any school in the United States.

But for all of that talent, former Poly coach Raul Lara described Smith as "one of those kids you get once in a blue moon."

It wasn't just Smith's ability, it was the way he conducted himself.

During Smith's senior season, he asked Lara if he could leave a Friday game so he could make a flight for a recruiting trip to Alabama.

"I'd like to see you at Monday's practice," Lara told him. "But if anything comes up you have to give me a call."

"No problem," Smith said.

Smith's flight home was delayed and his phone ran out of power. He failed to call Lara to let him know he would miss practice.

Lara told his star player he would be suspended for the first quarter of a playoff game.

"I hated to do it," Lara says, "but I had to hold him accountable."

Smith did not pout. Instead, he coached and encouraged his replacement throughout the week and on the sideline during the game. When Smith finally got in, he caught a touchdown pass a few plays later.

"The whole thing was remarkable, the way he displayed his leadership," Lara said.

After more than two decades as an assistant and head coach at Poly, Lara stepped down after last season. A few months later, Downey Warren contacted him and hired him to revive its struggling program.

Smith was one of the first former Poly players to visit Warren's campus and speak to the team.

"I've dealt with a lot of great athletes," Lara said. "This one is special."

When Saturday's game ends, Smith will exit the Rose Bowl and join dozens and dozens of friends and extended family members at a postgame "Team JuJu" tailgate. It will double as a birthday party.

In the days that follow, as a legal adult, Smith plans to complete the process to change his last name. He is not sure yet whether he will adopt Smith-Schuster or simply Schuster.

"I want it for myself," he said, adding, "I just feel it's right for me to do."

Sammy said her son first inquired about the name change when he was 7 or 8. He brought it up again in high school.

"I thought he forgot about it," she says. "And just recently he says, 'You know, I'm turning 18. Can we start the process?'"

Lawrence Schuster is flattered and honored."His last name doesn't alter the fact of how much I love my son," he says. "It can be Smith. I love him the same."

Says Sammy: "It just puts a seal on the relationship [Lawrence] has with his son. … In our Samoan culture, your name defines you as a family. It defines you as a man."

Sammy and Lawrence are proud of Smith's growth on and off the field.

He remains a homebody, valuing family first. But he is starting to stay at school more often on weekends.

"He's kind of breaking away," Lawrence says. "He's starting to get the hang of it."

USC playing for veteran leaders Pullard, Telfer

Orange County Register, By Michael Lev, November 26, 2014

LOS ANGELES – It's reasonable to wonder what USC is playing for in its regular-season finale against Notre Dame on Saturday, considering it has four losses on its ledger.

The most popular answer: Hayes and Randall.

Linebacker Hayes Pullard and tight end Randall Telfer are the Trojans' only fifth-year seniors who started their careers at USC and have played significant roles since.

There's a sense within the team that those two hardened veterans – who have endured every conceivable hardship – deserve a proper sendoff.

"This is the last game for Randall and Hayes, guys who have been through so much here," quarterback Cody Kessler said this week. "We're playing for them."

It's hard to quantify what Pullard and Telfer have meant to a program that has undergone a significant transformation during their five years on campus. Pullard's 366 career tackles and Telfer's 60 catches and 11 touchdowns don't begin to tell the story.

It's better told by contrasting who they are with what has transpired around them. Peter Sirmon, Pullard's position coach, called him as "the glue keeping this whole thing together." The same description applies to Telfer. They have been constants amid constant change.

Consider: Pullard and Telfer were recruited by Pete Carroll's staff. Since then, including interims, they have played for four head coaches. Each has had four position coaches.

The NCAA sanctions hit just months after Pullard and Telfer signed. USC hasn't played in a Rose Bowl game since. It wasn't what they were expecting after almost a decade of prosperity under Carroll. But they swear they have no complaints.

"I cherish every moment, ups and downs," Pullard said Wednesday. "I love 'SC with all my heart and soul," Telfer said. "So even though we endured all that stuff, it's kind of a testament to who we are as Trojans. We overcome adversity.

"We've gone through a lot, a lot more than the average student-athlete would go through. But I think it's made us better."

Pullard and Telfer could have transferred after the sanctions hit but never considered it.

Their teammates and coaches appreciate the fact that they stuck around to lead the program out of purgatory.

"When they came to USC, they had hopes and aspirations of national championships and all those things," USC coach Steve Sarkisian said. "And, boom, here come the sanctions.

"They could have easily left. They could have easily gone anywhere else in the country … and they stuck it out. That is the epitome of a Trojan, to continue to fight on."

Sarkisian credits Pullard for helping make the transition to a new coaching staff a smooth one. He and Telfer have had plenty of practice. But they refuse to view all that turnover and instability as a negative. Instead, they've taken bits and pieces from every coach and tried to incorporate them into their games.

Neither is a flashy player. Both lead by example. They show up every day ready to work regardless of the circumstances.

Telfer practiced and played last season when he probably shouldn't have because of injuries.

"I'll do anything for the team," said Telfer, a product of Rancho Cucamonga High. "When my name was called for the ones, twos and the threes, I stepped up to the plate. I didn't want to let my team down. I didn't want to let my coaches down."

Pullard approaches every practice with the same goal: to ensure the Trojans' competitive spirit is where it needs to be even amid what he describes as "down times."

That hasn't always been easy. After the Trojans went 10-2 in 2011 – but couldn't participate in postseason play because of the sanctions – they went 7-6 the following season. Four games into last season, Athletic Director Pat Haden fired Lane Kiffin.

Pullard, a product of Crenshaw High, never changed the way he practiced. His attention in meetings never wavered.

"When we hit that grass, we don't walk," fellow linebacker Anthony Sarao said. "Little things like that."

While Pullard leads USC in tackles, per usual, Telfer hasn't had the breakout senior season many predicted. More often than not, he has served as a blocker, helping the Trojans' youthful offensive line. Telfer hasn't griped about his role.

"The freshman me probably would have complained about it," Telfer said. "When you get to be a fifth-year senior, you just want to win games."

And your appreciative teammates want to win them for you.

USC football player J.R. Tavai lets his playing do the talking

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Some athletes love the spotlight.

They go out of their way by actions or words, or both, to get attention.

Think Johnny Manziel, Charles Barkley and Yasiel Puig. Actions indicate Jameis Winston quite probably belongs on the list. Perhaps at the top.

USC linebacker J.R. Tavai?

He's just the opposite. He believes the less said by him, the better.

The contradiction is the better Tavai plays, the more attention he generates. Such was the case when his hit, causing quarterback Kevin Hogan to fumble, slammed the door to insure USC's victory at Stanford.

The magnitude of the play prompted reporters to seek out Tavai. The attention was new for the senior.

"I'm not going to lie," he said. "I'm trying to hide from it a little bit."

He smiled.

"I was trying to hide from you," he admitted.

The smile had an I-hope-you-understand quality.

How does he balance his let-my-play-do-my-talking mindset with the fact that outstanding play draws the media?

"I balance that by trying to run away from you guys as fast as possible," he said.

Some athletes would have been sneering to send a leave-me-alone message. Tavai was chuckling. As much as he prefers to remain in the shadows, rude is not part of his package.

He departed with a sincere, "Have a nice day."

This is the polite young man Don Morrow coached at Mira Costa High.

"He was quite, but he also was fun-loving," Morrow said. "He and Jordan (his older brother, a defensive lineman at Mira Costa, El Camino College and Kansas) were very fun-loving. I vividly remember them coming out early before practice and inventing their own games. They loved to play. They'd have practiced forever."

This is the player behind the facemask. Who he is on the field or the image he projects does not necessarily complete the picture.

Ask Leonard Williams about Tavai.

"I like practicing with him every day," the USC All-America defensive tackle said. "He brings so much energy."

There's more to this capsule scouting report.

"He's a great guy," Williams said. "He's caring. Off the field, he's a really fun person."

Tavai does not hide on the field. He is not all that much fun for the opposition, as Hogan can attest. So can Arizona quarterback Anu Solomon. He probably still is counting bumps and bruises coming from close encounters with Tavai in the desert Saturday when USC hung on for a 28-26 victory.

Tavai has been a steady force for the Trojans during what has been a wild roller-coaster first half ride of a season. While the wins and losses have not come when projected, their 4-2 record matches reasonable pre-season expectations.

A couple of years ago, at a neighborhood Christmas party, a self-proclaimed USC expert went on and on, as self-proclaimed experts do, about how Tavai was a wasted scholarship "because he'll never play."

Two Trojan coaching staffs have felt otherwise. Based on need, they have moved him from position to position on defense. He started as a nose tackle, his high school position, and tackle. Next he was a tackle who also played end. Then he became an end disguised as an outside linebacker — his primary duty was rushing the quarterback.

This year he became a standard outside linebacker, which means all his training playing inside in traffic went out the window and he has had to learn on the fly how to play in the wide-open spaces.

Tavai, not unexpectedly, has worked hard without complaining. He knocked off 20 pounds, from 270 to 250. He had that big game at Stanford. He did struggle in his first real test playing in space against a spread-option offense at Boston College. He was much improved against Arizona, another quality spread-option team.

USC coach Steve Sarkisian and defensive coordinator Justin Wilcox, a former linebackers coach, the son of Pro Football Hall of Fame linebacker Dave Wilcox, did not fold after disheartening losses to BC and Arizona State. Specifically, they did not rip the team apart.

No, beyond a few smart changes, such as moving Su'a Cravens from safety to linebacker, they stuck with what they believed. In doing so, they stuck with J.R. Tavai. It was a good decision.

USC's Max Tuerk gets a new read on line by playing center

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Stuffed in the large plastic bag Max Tuerk has been toting around the USC campus, there is a sandwich, two bananas, an energy bar, a pack of almonds and a whole avocado, as well as the remaining half of a fast-food chicken sandwich he had been gnawing on. All this, he says, is a snack.

"Never turn down food," Tuerk says with a laugh. "That's my motto."

Between bites, he swigs from a gallon-sized water jug. He drinks two of these a day.

As he sits in the lobby of USC's football facility, the John McKay Center, Tuerk looks every bit his part. He might be the Trojans' best lineman, surely the most versatile, and his broad chest inflates his stained T-shirt as wind might a sail.

He is 6 feet 6, 285 pounds, with hands that swallow lesser hands whole. And he is trying to add even more bulk.

On this day, though Tuerk is not headed to the weight room but to the video room — a place where he has spent a large portion of his summer.

USC opens camp Monday and Tuerk, a junior, is penciled as the Trojans' starting center, his third position in three years. He has plenty to learn — and more than a fair share of pressure.

In first-year Coach Steve Sarkisian's offense, the Trojans hope to play at a frenetic pace, meaning there will be no time for doubts or confusion.

As a center, Tuerk must identify the defense and make the proper line calls so whatever play has been called has a chance to work. That means he must not only know his assignment, but also that of everyone else on the line.

To prepare, Tuerk has made an almost-daily trek to the video room for an hour or two. Sometimes his roommate, quarterback Cody Kessler, tags along. Other times his linemates join.

Alone with a visitor this time, Tuerk sits in the back row of the room, holding a remote control. On the screen is a Green Bay Packers vs. San Francisco 49ers game from last season. He is testing himself on an NFL game rather one from college because he says the professionals react more quickly and confidently. He also admires San Francisco's blockers — all of them.

Tuerk studies the line as a package, each part a link in a chain. As he hits "play" and "rewind" in a quick rhythm, the players on the wall salsa to silent music. While he watches, Tuerk guesses what calls are likely being made on the line. If he were the guard, he says, he'd be waiting on the center to identify the middle linebacker, or "mike." He would confirm the center's call with one of his own, then wait for the next set of instructions.

"Now, when I'm at center, I've got to be the first guy who makes the call," he says.

It was February when Tim Drevno, USC's new offensive line coach, summoned Tuerk to his office. Drevno believes in building a line from the inside out, starting at center. With Marcus Martin gone to the NFL, Drevno needed a leader as an anchor in the middle.

Tuerk is what Drevno calls a "flat-liner." He plays with intensity — during his junior year of high school he drew five personal fouls in the first five games — but also has a short memory. If a mistake was made, he simply moved on to the next play.

Asked to change positions, Tuerk went along. He was used to it. Trace USC's sanctions and coaching changes forward and the effects ripple toward Tuerk.

When the sanctions limited USC's scholarships and decimated its depth, Tuerk was thrust into action, becoming the first true freshman to start at tackle for the Trojans. As a sophomore, with a new line coach, he was briefly moved to center before settling in at guard. Now, with yet another coach, he is shifting again.

Gil Brandt, the former Dallas Cowboys vice president who is an analyst for NFL.com, said Tuerk might already be the second-best center in the Pac-12 Conference.

Tuerk studies in the video room hoping to carry that potential to the field.

When the linemen watch as a group, Drevno has encouraged them to communicate as if they were in the game. The center calls out the assignments; the rest respond accordingly. The chatter should ideally flow like a conversation.

"I like to watch every position," Tuerk says. "I've played all the positions, so …" His voice trails off, as it often does when he is intently studying the screen.

"Looks like another odd front," he says as the players prepare for another snap. His voice is higher and softer than normal, as if he's thinking aloud to himself. As the defense shifts, Tuerk narrates.

"No, they're moving around," he says. "This is an under front so strength's to the right, mike's to the right, and there's a shade on the right, so that means it's an under front."

He goes through his progression: make the front call, read the defense, find the middle linebacker. That linebacker often dictates where a pass will be directed and how the line should form to protect the quarterback. After another line call, Tuerk finally looks for the defensive tackle — the player he will typically block.

Tuerk learned the value of studying line play — and changing positions — while in high school.

His line coach at Santa Margarita High was Marty Spaulding, who recalls one of the first times he saw Tuerk play.

Tuerk was at tight end, and to Spaulding he was horribly out of place.

The coach recalls the conversation this way: "Hey Max, buddy, Marty Spaulding's the name, and let me tell you something, you are the real deal." He then told Tuerk he would be a starting tackle and would "get scholarship offers from any university of your choice."

Tuerk, the team's leading receiver the previous season, said nothing. "You could've knocked him over with a feather," Spaulding said.

In Spaulding's system, Santa Margarita linemen learned every position, and from play to play were shifted to where it was thought they would be most effective. The exception was the center, who never moved around. So when Tuerk tried center at USC before the 2013 season he had little experience with snaps, and he struggled.

For this second try Tuerk is starting off with more experience. When Kessler gets together with receiver Nelson Agholor for passing practice, Tuerk tags along to snap. He says he and Kessler even practice snaps at home, though, "We try not to. There's not much room in those L.A. apartments."

Now, with the start of training camp only days away, there is plenty of anticipation around their particular apartment.

Participation in voluntary summer workouts was at a high. Years of NCAA-mandated penalties have taken their toll on the roster, but on June 10 the sanctions officially expired.

Tuerk recalls what he did that day without consulting a journal or a calendar. It was not unlike most other summer days: He filled a bag with food, went to the football offices and watched some video.

USC's Williams refuses to get caught up in draft

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LOS ANGELES – USC defensive end Leonard Williams has risen to No. 1 in ESPN NFL draft analyst Todd McShay's Top 32. McShay lauds Williams for having a "complete game" and "excellent strength and speed for his size." McShay also writes that Williams "possesses an above-average motor."

If Williams' motor is merely above average, what does a good or great one look like? J.J. Watt after 10 shots of 5-hour ENERGY?

It's Williams' relentlessness that makes him special. No. 94 played 94 snaps against Arizona last week, an unheard-of amount for a defensive lineman. Yet there he was, late in the fourth quarter, stuffing tailback Jared Baker on a 2-point conversion attempt.

"The guy's a great competitor," USC receiver Nelson Agholor said. "That's why things like that happen."

Williams barely practiced heading into Saturday's game against Colorado because of a sore shoulder. But it wasn't by choice.

"We're the ones who hold him out of practice," USC coach Steve Sarkisian said. "If it were up to him, he would go."

Williams, a junior from Mainland High in Daytona Beach, Fla., will be eligible for the 2015 NFL draft. A lot can and will change between now and then. But, barring injury, Williams should remain in the conversation to be the No. 1 selection.

If that were to happen, Williams would be the second consecutive defensive lineman to go first overall. Houston used the first pick this year on Jadeveon Clowney, even though his effort came into question during his junior year at South Carolina. Clowney was assured of being a top-five pick, and he appeared to be protecting himself at times.

When asked about McShay's "above-average motor" comment, a scouting director for an NFL team noted that Williams makes "a lot of plays on the sideline" – an illustration of his hustling ways. The scouting director added: "Clowney would actually shut it down. This kid doesn't do that."

"We're fortunate," Sarkisian said. "Leonard's a great kid. He loves football. He loves competing.

He has not been 100 percent healthy this season, and he continues to play at a high level."

Williams has been bothered periodically by shoulder soreness. He suffered a sprained ankle on the Tuesday before the Stanford game, couldn't practice but played anyway. He played all of last season with a torn labrum in his right shoulder.

After earning third-team All-America honors in 2013, Williams ranks third on the team in tackles (38), second in solo stops (24) and first in sacks (4). Williams also has an interception and a forced fumble, the latter knocking Arizona tailback Terris Jones-Grigsby out of the game.

"I haven't seen somebody get hit that hard in a long time," USC linebacker-safety Su'a Cravens said.

Williams seems unaffected by the projections that have him going no lower than second in next year's draft. Unavailable to the media this week because he didn't practice, Williams acknowledged before the season that he's "aware" of all the speculation because of social media.

Just this week, Williams retweeted two items about his rising draft stock.

Williams said in July that the NFL was "on the back burner." His play through mid-October proves It's far.

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